

Faith that Works: Faith through Good Deeds
James 2:14-26

MAIN POINT: **Put your faith into action.**

MAIN SCRIPTURE:

James 2:14 (NIV): ¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them?

SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:

Ephesians 2:8-10 (NIV): ⁸For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Obey God because of His grace not to earn His grace.

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James 2:15-16 (NIV): ¹⁵Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. ¹⁶If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?

MAIN SCRIPTURE:

James 2:17-20 (NIV): ¹⁷In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. ¹⁸But someone will say, “You have faith; I have deeds.” Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. ¹⁹You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder. ²⁰You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless?

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James 2:21-24 (NIV): ²¹ Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? ²² You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. ²³ And the scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness,” and he was called God’s friend. ²⁴ You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone.

SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:

Genesis 22:9 (NIV): ⁹ When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.

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Hebrews 11:19 (NIV): ¹⁹ Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death.

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James 2:25-26 (NIV): ²⁵ In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction? ²⁶ As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.

SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:

Joshua 2:9 (NIV): “I know that the LORD has given you this land and that a great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you.”

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WHO'S YOUR ONE?