



Faith And Actions

Important Keys To The Christian Walk

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READ: James 2:14-26

- **Faith Is:** The Key To The Christian Life

Faith Is: *“The Confidence That God's Word Is True And The Conviction That Acting Upon It Will Ring God's Blessing”*

- **We Cannot Go On Without Faith**

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Dead Faith (2:14-17):

- **Dead Faith** Is A Person Who Says The Right Things, But Their Actions Don't Measure Up
- **Matthew 7:21 (NIV)** — 21 “**Not everyone who says** to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, **but only the one who does** the will of my Father who is in heaven.
- **“Saying” And “Doing” Are Two Different Things!**

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The Two Kinds Of Belief: *Head Belief & Heart Belief*

- **Head Belief** Lulls Us To Sleep And Always Eventually Causes Trouble
- **Heart Belief** Changes Us And Keeps Us Headed In The Right Direction

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Emotional Faith (2:18,19):

- **Emotional Faith** Is Faith Inspired By Emotion & Feelings
(Like Fear And Trembling)
- **If Faith Is Not In The Heart, It Is Not True Saving Faith**

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Dynamic Faith (2:20-26):

- **Is Based On The Word** (James 1:21)
- **Involves The Whole Person** -- Requires A Changed Body, Soul, And Spirit
- **Leads To Action**

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Dynamic Faith: Leads To Obedience Of The Will

- **Abraham:** Proved His Righteousness By *His Actions*
- **Rahab:** Her Faith Moved Her *Beyond Believing To Acting*

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(James 2:26 NIV) As the body without the spirit is dead, so *faith without deeds is dead*.

- **True Christian Faith Is:**
 - Faith That **Practices The Truth**
 - Faith That Is **Dynamic And Life Changing**
 - Faith That Is **Full Of Action**