

James: Faith/Works Pt. 4

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## Faith that Works

*James 2:14-26*

**James 2:14** <sup>(NIV)</sup> What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone?

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

| Message  | PAUL   | JAMES  |
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| Emphasis | How to <b>KNOW</b> I'm saved                           | How to <b>SHOW</b> I'm saved                             |
| Focus    | The <b>ROOT</b> of my salvation<br>(internal & unseen) | The <b>FRUIT</b> of my salvation<br>(external & visible) |
| Works    | Keeping Jewish Laws                                    | Living like Jesus  |

## HOW DO I KNOW MY FAITH IS REAL?

### 1. Real Faith Is More Than Just \_\_\_\_\_.

"Dear brothers and sisters, what's the use of **SAYING** you have faith if you don't prove it by your actions? That kind of faith can't save anyone!" James 2:14

JESUS: "Not everyone who **SAYS** that I am their Lord is going to enter the kingdom of heaven. The only people who'll enter heaven are those who **DO** what my Father in heaven wants them to **DO**." Matthew 7:21 (NCV)

### 2. Real Faith Is More Than \_\_\_\_\_.

"Suppose you see a brother or sister who needs food or clothing, and you say to them, 'I wish you well! **I FEEL FOR YOU** and I hope you stay warm and eat well!' but then you **DO** nothing to meet their needs. What good does your sympathy **DO**? It's worth nothing! In the same way, faith, if it is not accompanied by action, doesn't work. It's dead and useless!" James 2:15-17

### 3. Real Faith is More Than an Idea \_\_\_\_\_.

"Now someone may argue, 'Isn't it possible that some people have good faith while other people **DO** good deeds?' But I say, 'No! I can't see your real faith if you don't **DO** any real deeds to **SHOW ME!**' In contrast, **I CAN SHOW YOU** my faith by the good things I **DO!**' James 2:18

### 4. Real Faith Is More Than \_\_\_\_\_.

"Now, you say 'Well, I **BELIEVE** there is a God,' and I say, 'Good for you!' But even the demons believe that and are afraid! It's foolish to not realize that faith in God is useless if you don't **DO** what he wants you to **DO**." James 2:19-20.

### 5. Real Faith Is \_\_\_\_\_.

"Just as a body without a spirit doesn't breathe and is dead, so faith that doesn't **DO** anything is just as dead!" James 2:26

"**STAND** firm in your faith. Stay brave, be strong, and do everything in love." 1 Cor. 16:13-14

## Two Examples of Real Faith

**1. (By faith) Abraham Followed GOD Without \_\_\_\_\_ Where He Was Going.**

“Isn't it obvious that faith and works are **YOKED PARTNERS**, that faith expresses itself in works? That the works are ***‘works of faith’***?” James 2:22 (Message)

“ . . . God accepted Abraham's faith, and that faith made him right with God. So Abraham was called ‘the friend of God’.” James 2:23 (NCV)

**2. (By faith) Rahab Risked Her Life to \_\_\_\_\_ Others.**

**“Examine yourselves **TO SEE** whether you are in the faith; **TEST** yourselves.”**  
2 Cor. 13:5

"It is by grace you have been saved **THROUGH** faith . . . **FOR** a life of good works which God has already prepared for us to do." Eph. 2:8-10 (TEV)



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