

James 2:14-26

1. Illustration One: Dealing with the _____ ([James 2:14-17](#))
 - A. Two _____ questions
 - B. Saving faith is more than mere _____ of doctrinal understanding.
 - C. Faith and _____ go together.
2. True faith or _____ faith ([James 2:18-20](#))
 - A. Faith cannot be _____ from deeds.
 - B. Belief separated from works is _____.
3. Illustration Two: _____ ([James 2:21-24](#))
 - A. Abraham proved the _____ of his faith.
 - B. Abraham's faith was _____ when it was called into action.
 - C. Faith expresses itself through our _____.
4. Illustration Three: _____ ([James 2:25-26](#))
 - A. Rahab's _____ demonstrated her faith.
 - B. The body is nothing without the _____ and so is faith without works.

Discussion Questions

1. James uses the example of a brother or sister in need (2:15-16). How does this practical example illustrate the inadequacy of faith without action?
2. What does James mean by "dead faith," and how does it differ from living faith?
3. How can we reconcile James's teaching on works with Paul's teaching on justification by faith?
4. James uses the examples of demons believing (2:19) and Abraham's offering of Isaac (2:21-24). How do these contrasting examples clarify the kind of faith James is talking about?
5. How does James's emphasis on works challenge the idea of "cheap grace" or a passive faith?
6. Can works be performed without genuine faith? If so, are they valuable in God's eyes? Why or why not?

7. What are some modern-day examples of "works" that demonstrate genuine faith?
How can we apply James's teaching in our daily lives?