

TRUE FAITH

JAMES

REAL LIFE

# **FAITH THAT WORKS**

**James 2:14-26**



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Don't run from the Lord

**James 2:14**

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if a man claims to have faith  
but has no deeds?  
Can such faith save him?"**

**James 2:26**

**"As the body without the spirit  
is dead, so faith without  
deeds is dead."**

# **I. DEAD FAITH**

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Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him,



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"Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it?  
In the same way, faith by itself if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."

## **“Works” and “Deeds”**

GOOD AND RIGHTEOUS BEHAVIOR  
THAT IS OBEDIENT TO GOD’S WORD  
AND CONSISTENT WITH GOD’S  
CHARACTER.

James 2:15-16

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# **II. DECEIVED FAITH**

**James 2:18-19**

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"But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do. You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that--and shudder."

# 1. IMAGINARY FAITH

[James 2:18](#)

"But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do."

Matthew 7:16 NKJV

“By their fruit you will  
recognize them.”



## 1 John 3:16-18

"We know what real love is because Christ gave up his life for us. And so we also ought to give up our lives for our Christian friends. But if one of you has enough money to live well, and sees a brother or sister in need and refuses to help--how can God's love be in that person?

Dear children, let us stop just saying we love each other; let us really show it by our actions."

**“True Faith” is evidenced by:**

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## 2. INTELLECTUAL FAITH

[James 2:19 New Living Translation](#)

"Do you still think it's enough just to believe that there is one God? Well, even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror!"

If your faith has no obedient actions, then it is **just talk** and the truth is you are **just fooling yourself.**

**James 2:18** The Message Paraphrase

“Faith and works, works  
and faith, fit together  
hand in hand”

**James 2:20** New Living Translation

"Fool! When will you ever learn that faith that does not result in good deeds is useless?"

# **III. DYNAMIC FAITH**

**James 2:21-26**

# 1. ABRAHAM the REVERED PATRIARCH, James 2:21-24

## James 2:21

"Was not our ancestor Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar?"



## Romans 4:23

"If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about--but not before God. What does the Scripture say?"

"Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.""

## James 2:22-23

"You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. 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."

## James 2:24

"So you see, we are made right with God by what we do, not by faith alone."

## Titus 1:16

“They claim to know God,  
but they deny Him  
by their actions”

## Titus 3:8

"Those who have trusted in God (must) be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good."

## **2. RAHAB the REDEEMED PROSTITUTE, James 2:21-25**

### James 2:25

"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?"

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## Ephesians 2:10

"For we are God's workmanship,  
created in Christ Jesus  
to do good works, which God  
prepared in advance  
for us to do."



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