

Real Faith that Works

James 2:14-26

Introduction: Faith and works are often presented as competing ideas. It's confusing.

1. Some people think that you can believe in Christ and do nothing and still be saved.
2. Other people think that if you just do enough good deeds you will be saved.
3. Truth: Real saving faith will always be evidenced by good works.

James begins with a question. Verse 1 - 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?

Faith Is Not Just SAYING the Right Words. Vs 15-17

Faith that does nothing...is nothing.

Three Examples of Real Faith

- **Example No. 1 – Abraham Verse 21** Don't you remember that our ancestor Abraham was shown to be right with God by his actions when he offered his son Isaac on the altar?
- **Real Faith Example No. 2: Rahab the Prostitute James 2:25** She was shown to be right with God by her actions
- **Real Faith Example No. 3: A dead body. Vs. 26** Just as the body is dead without breath, so also faith is dead without good works.