

**JAMES: Faith That Works**

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Text: James 2:14-26

**James is asking questions, which means God is asking questions.** (2:14-17)

What good is it?

Can that "faith" save him?

What good is that?

**Faith... as good as a demon.** (2:18-20)

Show me

What happens if we stop here?

**James throws us a lifeline with Abraham and Rahab.** (2:21-25)

The love of God "at work" in our lives

Where do we get this faith?

**Once more now, James.** (2:26)

**Food for Thought for the week of July 17, 2016**

(Questions and Scriptures for further study and discussion.)

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1. Before reading the passage again together, pray that God would show Himself through His Word.
2. How did this week's message impact you? What challenged you? What questions did it raise? What confused you?
3. Read Ephesians 2:8-9 and James 2:17. Are these verses conflicting? How can they be proclaiming the same idea?
4. Have you ever had an experience where you "strived" for works? How do these experiences compare with the moments when the Spirit works through us? How do we get to a place where we don't have to struggle through works, but can allow the Holy Spirit to work through us and rely on faith?
5. Who does Christ say that you are? What would it look like if we lived out our identities in Christ?
6. In verses 21-25, what moved Abraham and Rahab to do these "deeds"? How were they specific to each person?
7. What act of faith does God have prepared for you?



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