

“Real Faith Works”—Part 2

(James 2:21–26)

1. What stood out to you most from the sermon, and why? Was there a particular Scripture, illustration, or statement that challenged or encouraged you?

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2. The sermon distinguished between “dead faith,” “demonic faith,” and “dynamic faith.” What is the difference between these three kinds of faith? What does dynamic saving faith involve that the other two do not?

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3. James says that “faith without works is dead.” What do you think James means by “works” in this context? How is this different from trying to earn our salvation by doing good things?

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4. How do Paul and James complement rather than contradict one another regarding faith and works? Why is it important to understand what each writer is addressing in his particular context?

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5. Abraham was declared righteous when he believed God in Genesis 15:6, but James points to his willingness to offer up his son Isaac many years later. What does this teach us about the relationship between faith and obedience?

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6. Abraham believed God even when obedience required him to do something incredibly difficult. What does Genesis 22 reveal about what genuine faith looks like when obedience is costly? Can you think of a time when trusting God required you to obey Him even when it was difficult?

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7. Why do you think James chose Rahab as his second example alongside Abraham? What does the contrast between Abraham and Rahab teach us about who can possess genuine saving faith?

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8. Rahab heard the truth about God, believed it, and then acted on it—even though doing so put her life at risk. What does her example teach us about the connection between what we believe, what we value, and what we do?

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9. In Luke 6:46, Jesus said, “Why do you call Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?” Why is obedience such an important evidence of genuine faith? What dangers are there in professing Christ while having little or no desire to obey Him?

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10. Consider the following statement: “We are justified by faith alone, but the kind of faith that justifies is never alone.” Looking honestly at your own life, what evidence do you see that your faith is producing spiritual fruit? Where do you sense God calling you to greater obedience?

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