

THE BOOK OF JAMES
Pt. 5 – “Faith and Deeds”
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James 2:14-18 (NIV)

^[14] What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him?

^[15] Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food.

^[16] If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it?

^[17] In the same way, **faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action**, is dead.

^[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.

Ephesians 2:8-10 (NIV)

^[8] For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God--

^[9] ...not by works, so that no one can boast.

^[10] For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

John 15:4 (NIV) The Vine and the Branches

^[4] Remain in me, and I will remain in you. **No branch can bear fruit by itself**; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

James 2:19:20 (NIV)

^[19] You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that--and shudder.

^[20] You foolish man, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless?

1 John 2:4-6 (NIV)

^[4] The man who says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

^[5] But if anyone obeys his word, God's love is truly made complete in him. This is how we know we are in him:

^[6] Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.

Living Faith

James 2:21-26 (NIV)

^[21] Was not our ancestor **Abraham** considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar?

^[22] You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did.

^[23] 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.

^[24] You see that a person is justified by what he does and not by faith alone.

^[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?

^[26] As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.