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Title: Faith in Action

James 2:14-26

14 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? **15** Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. **16** If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their 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 my deeds. **19** You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder. **20** You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? **21** Was not our father 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 considered righteous by what they do 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.

Real Faith Is the Means to Salvation.

Ephesians 2:8 - For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—

Real Faith Takes Place in The Heart Not Just in The Head or Intellect.

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Satan and the demons believe in God

Salvation takes place in our hearts or wills.

Real Faith Includes Actions That Reflect God's Righteous Character.

Holy or separate lifestyle from the world's behavior.

Godly morals defined by the Bible

Acts that demonstrate love for our neighbor or fellow man.

Personal needs, compassion – v.15-17

Two Examples of Real Faith in Action.

Abraham – v.21-24

Rahab – v.25

Faith and Works Are Inseparable.

v.26