

FAITH AND WORKS

JAMES 2:14-26

SERMON POINTS

- True Faith Overflows with Works of Mercy and Blessing
- True Faith is Demonstrated through Costly Obedience

MAIN IDEA: True faith will always produce works, and a professed faith that is without works is evidence of a dead faith.

QUESTIONS:

1. Discuss a time when you were asked for help by someone in need. Describe the tensions in your mind/heart, in addition to what you did in this situation. (Don't use this as a time to analyze the 'best' approach, but rather, to try to discover the roots of what was going on in your heart.)
2. Share of a time when you had to act on something you believed was true.
3. What do you make of John Calvin's statement: "It is therefore faith alone which justifies, and yet the faith which justifies is not alone"?
4. Rahab was living in a kingdom that was going to be overtaken, and her allegiance was to the coming kingdom. As a Christ follower, your allegiance is to God's Kingdom, and yet, we live in the midst of other kingdoms. Where in your life do you most feel this tension?