



JAMES

— TRANSFORMED BY FAITH →

What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar?

You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of God. You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone.

And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

TESTING THE REALITY OF MY FAITH

James 2:14-26

Faith will always produce visible, active, obedience in the life of the follower of Jesus.

FAITH MUST BE VISIBLE

James 2:14-17, 25-26

FAITH MUST BE ACTIVE

James 2:18-19

FAITH MUST BE OBEDIENT

James 2:20-24

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself by becoming
obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.

FOR REFLECTION AND REPENTANCE

- How is the gospel I believe moving from my head to my heart to my hands?
- Where should I repent of making claims of faith (I believe, I repent, I'm saved) without *also* living out those claims?
- How is your faith moving you to obedience, even when it is difficult or uncomfortable?
- Jesus left heaven to prove His love. He obeyed all the way to the cross. How can I grow in worshiping Him?



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