



WORKS IN REAL LIFE

James 2:14-26

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Two Questions - verse 14

1. What two questions does James ask?
2. Why would someone claim to have a real faith if they don't have it?
3. What would be the motivation for that kind of self-deception (or delusion)?
4. How can we know (or can we) if a person is really saved (spiritually born again)?

Four Characteristics - verses 15-20

5. What are the four characteristics of real faith?
6. According to James who are we to help? Why? In what circumstances?
7. How would you describe living faith? Dead faith?
8. Would you describe your faith as living or dead?
9. What is the difference between intellectual faith and faith from the heart?
10. Are there times when you tend to intellectualize your faith?

Two Examples - verses 21-25

11. What are the differences/similarities between Abraham and Rahab?
12. Are there any of these differences/similarities that you can especially relate to?
13. Putting yourself in their places what would it mean for you to exercise real faith in God?
14. Are their circumstances in your life today that make it difficult to exercise real faith in God?

One Conclusion - verse 26

15. What do your actions demonstrate about the reality of your faith?
16. Are their immediate opportunities could you take advantage of to live out your faith? What would it be like for you do take advantages of these opportunities?
17. Are there any parts of this study that you have found especially helpful, troubling, challenging?
18. How can you apply this study to your life this week?