

sermon notes

Daniel Armstrong | Verse By Verse Fellowship | Prove Your Faith
March 8th, 2023 | “Works of Faith” | **James 2:14-26**

1) What does it mean that faith can be dead?

when God judges a _____’s _____, their faith is _____.

2) What about our justification or assurance?

- a. Anyone who _____ in Christ’s work is _____,
- b. Christians stand apart by _____

3) What is James arguing with the foolish person?

Faith alone _____. Works alone _____

4) What do we learn from the stories of Abraham and Rahab?

They were justified before _____ by _____ and justified
_____ by _____ of _____.

Questions for Further Application of God’s Word:

GO DEEPER

What it look like for a Christian to have a “dead” faith? James compares separated faith and works to a body without a spirit, in what ways are these two similar? How is a work of faith different from a morally good deed?

Read the “Hall of Faith” in Hebrews 11. How is Abraham’s faithfulness displayed in verses 8-10? How is Abraham’s faithfulness displayed in verses 17-19? What moments in Abraham’s life demonstrate works of faith? What moments in Abraham’s life did he fail to demonstrate works of faith?

GET PERSONAL

All believers are given opportunities to publicly display their faith through works of faith. What opportunities or situations has God given you a chance for works of faith? How would your life look differently if you did not have faith in God? How should your life look differently because of your faith in God?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

James commands believers to meet the physical needs of other Christians as a work of faith. Spend time this week actively looking and listening for believers in need and for ways you can directly help.

During the “Get Personal” section, if you noticed any difference between the way your life looks and what your life should look like, try picking one of these differences to focus on this week.

ADVANCED QUESTIONS FOR DEEPER STUDY

Our works of faith publicly demonstrate our faith in God’s promises. Below are just a few of the promises in God’s Word. Study each of them and carefully examine your life by asking if your actions make your faith in these promises obvious to everyone around you. Write down examples of what works of faith should show in your life based on faith in these promises

John 6:37-40

Matthew 11:28-30

Romans 8:28

Luke 6:35

Revelation 22:12