

James 2:14-26
Series – James: Faith That Works
Message – Life Alignment
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Defining Real Faith

- Real faith in Jesus _____ in Jesus-like behavior.
- James 2:14
- “Such faith” – meaning, faith defined in a way that does not _____ action which is visible in life
- James 2:15

More Than Intellectual Assent

- James 2:18
- Real faith is _____ than intellectual assent to spiritual truth.
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- “[All demons] are thorough-going *monotheists*, for they believe God is one. And they are all *Trinitarian*. They know the Apostles’ Creed is true: God is the Maker, and Jesus is his virgin-born Son. They know the truth of Christ’s death, resurrection, ascension, and coming return.... Some demons are great theologians.... In fact, some demons have better theology than we do! But it does them no good” (Kent Hughes, James: Faith That Works, p.100).

Pursuing Real Faith

- Their faith involved risk that demonstrated actual _____ in God.
- Genesis 22 / Joshua 2
- Giving your life to Jesus means _____ your trust to Jesus.
- Discipleship is “Learning to _____ and _____ like Jesus.”
- Salvation is by faith _____.
- Salvation is by a faith that is _____ alone.

Reflection Questions

1. Brainstorm some ways your faith in Jesus has resulted in Jesus-like behavior in your own life. Or put another way, what evidence do you see in your life of your faith in Jesus?
2. In what ways has your faith led you to take small risks as you trust God?
3. Have there been times in your life where you’ve stepped out in faith to the point where if God didn’t come through you would experience loss or pain? Tell us about one of those times.
4. A person new to faith in Jesus says to you: “I thought all you needed to do to be saved was to confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead. What is James talking about?”
5. How was God getting your attention today?
6. What is God saying to you?
7. What are you going to do about it?