

Living Faith

¹⁵ Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, ¹⁶ and you say, “Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well”—but then you don’t give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do? *James 2:15-16*

What is the most useless thing you own?

1. Read Hebrews 11 – How many times do you see the words ‘by faith’? What do you notice follows those words in each occurrence? Which person in this passage most inspires you and why?
2. Read Ephesians 2:8-10 – Discuss the role of faith in salvation. Where do you think that comes from? Why do some people hear and not believe? What is the result of salvation (last phrase of verse 10)?

3. Read James 2:14-17. James seems to be indicating that if we are not compassionate to people in need, our faith may not be real. How do you react to that? What would you say about someone who says they are following Jesus but there is no evidence?

4. Read James 2:19-20 – Is having an intellectual knowledge and understanding of the Bible enough to save people? What does this passage say about demons believing? Is it important for us to have a good understanding of the Bible? Why?

5. Read Genesis 22:1-18 – Read the passage slowly and consider, without knowing the end result what this would have been like for Abraham. Do you think you would have done what he did? Has God ever asked you to do something difficult that didn't make sense?

6. Share what you are being challenged with through your quiet time this week.

7. Pray for one another!

