

James: A Faith that Works

Productive

James 2:14-26

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Opening Thought Question:

What is it that demonstrates the living and productive nature of the faith we have been given by God?

Presenting the Case (14-17)

What is the case that James presents?

Hearing the Objection (18-19)

What objection does James anticipate from his audience?

Evidence A: Abraham (20-24)

When our faith takes root, and begins to overflow, producing its intended _____, our _____ with God is now _____ and made known to others.

The fruit that overflows from a living faith communicates, _____, _____ that the Lord is _____.

Evidence B: Rahab (25-26)

Abraham	Rahab

James presents a case that argues, a faith without works is _____.

Personal study: Read Joshua 2:1-24 (Rahab's Story)

Next Week: Josiah Reimold - Director of Next Gen.

Further Study

Matthew 5-7

John 14:15
Eph. 2:10
Matt. 7:15-20

Dt. 6:4-6
Matt. 15:8-11

Gen. 15:6
Rom. 4:3

Josh. 2:1-24
Jn. 15:13
Matt. 22:36-40

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<p style="text-align: center;">Get together as a family or with a friend or group of friends this week!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Start with <u>Prayer</u> -ask Jesus to guide our time together. Go over prayer requests together.</p> <p><u>Read the Text</u> – James 2:14-26</p> <p><u>Questions for Reflection & Discussion:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the case that James presents in verses 14-17? Why is it important to note that James is not talking about how a person is saved, but rather, what saving faith produces in a person's life? 2. Journal or discuss the objection that James is anticipating in verses 18-19. Why is it fruitless to try to divide or separate faith and works? What does James say about the demons, and what are the implications of this statement? 3. Who is the first example of evidence that James presents to show his audience that faith without works is useless? (vss. 20-24) Why does he use Abraham's testimony as evidence? 4. Who is the second example that James uses to argue that faith without works is useless? (vss. 25-26) Now, read Joshua 2:1-24; why is Rahab's testimony effective evidence? How are Abraham and Rahab different? In what ways are they similar? 5. One of the most effective and productive works of faith is love. How is Abraham's example pointing us toward the first part of the great command? How is Rahab's example directing us toward the second part of the great command? (Matt. 22:36-40; The Greatest Command) <p><u>Questions guiding Spiritual Formation & Application:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How does this text invite us to grow in a greater love for God? 2. What lessons within this text move us towards growing in our love for one another? 3. What principles could be applied to our family life, careers, communities, or congregational life? 4. Consider how Jesus could use our application of the principles in this text to draw those that do not know him, unto himself? 5. Who is currently in our lives that needs an invitation to meet Jesus or be part of a kind and gracious Christian community? 	<p><u>Further Study</u></p> <p>Matthew 5-7 Matt. 7 John 14:15 Eph. 2:10 Matt. 7:15-20 Dt. 6:4-6 Matt. 15:8-11 Gen. 15:6 Rom. 4:3 Josh. 2:1-24 Jn. 15:13 Matt. 22:36-40</p> <p><u>Prayer Requests</u></p> <p>Family</p> <p>Church</p> <p>Community</p> <p>Career/Friends</p> <p>Other</p>