

James: Faith on Display
Faith on Display in Your Actions
James 2:14-26

The concept of faith in our world is very confusing. Like love, the word faith is used in different contexts and in different ways. In our culture, faith is used to describe everything from sincerity to spirituality to salvation. For some the concept of faith is enough while for others it is the object of faith that is important.

1. Our faith is legitimized by compassion.

2. Our faith is realized by obedience.

3. Our faith is energized by ministry.

In our salvation, Jesus calls us to action. Just like his first followers, we too must rise and follow. Only then will our faith, as it is exercised, become what God intended it to be—a perfecting, maturing connection to Him. Lots of people say they believe. But how many back those beliefs up with godly action? Let's make sure there is no disconnect in our lives; we must be people of genuine faith. And genuine faith works!

Reflection

Consider the question: Is Jesus my Savior? Or is Jesus my Lord? Remember back to your conversion experience and celebrate the fact that Jesus is your Savior. Take some time to evaluate how you are working out that salvation. What evidence in your everyday life is there that would indicate an inner change and desire to live for Jesus? What does it look like to you to “take up your cross daily” to follow Jesus?