

Dead Faith Can't Bless You

Lessons From the Lord's Brother Season 2

Core Message: Rabbi Schneider dives deep into the book of James to uncover the relationship between our faith and what God expects from us through works. He explains that while we are saved by grace through faith--apart from good works-- true saving faith is evidenced and perfected through our actions. Drawing from the lives of Abraham and Rahab, he shows how obedience is an outward manifestation of an inward belief and devotion. He challenges us as believers to do a spiritual checkup concerning whether the way we live, love, serve, and speak is demonstrating real faith to others for God's glory. It's a call to demonstrate discipleship (as James and the Word of God teaches), allowing our deeds and speech to reflect a living, active life of obedient faith, with teachers held to the highest standard of disciplined living.

Main Bible Verses (NASB):

- **Core Memory Verse:(James 2:20)** "But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless?"
 - **(Titus 3:5)** "He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit."
 - **(Romans 10:9)** "That if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."
 - **(Genesis 22:16-18)** "'By Myself I have sworn,' declares the Lord, 'because you have done this thing and have not withheld your son, your only son, indeed I will greatly bless you... In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.'"
 - **(James 2:26)** "For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead."
 - **(James 3:1-2)** "Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we will incur a stricter judgment. For we all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well."
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Key Points (Fill-in-the-Blank):

- "Faith without _____ is useless."
- "There's no such thing as faith without _____."
- "If you really have saving faith, it will be evidenced by your _____."
- "As a result of the works, faith was _____."
- "To him that's been given much, much is _____."
- "Don't let anything proceed out of your mouth that's coming from a _____ place."
- "If you can control your tongue, you'll get a reign on your _____."

Notes:

(Use lines below for personal notes)

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Reflection Questions:

1. Is my faith visible to others through the way I live and serve?

2. What actions can I take to align my life more closely with God's Word?

3. Am I allowing the Holy Spirit to examine my heart and correct my ways?

4. How can I better bridle my tongue to reflect the character of Jesus?

5. In a sentence, what has the Holy Spirit pinpointed about your life of service? Begin praying about this.

Application Challenge of the Week:

Application Challenge of the Week: Every day this week, ask the Holy Spirit to show you one action you can take to express your faith through obedience. (Or come up with your own as the Lord leads):

Prayer Prompts:

- Ask God to help your faith be alive and evident through your works.
- Pray for the grace to walk in obedience, even when it challenges your comfort.
- Confess areas where your actions have not reflected your beliefs.

“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord cause His face to shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His face to you and give you peace.” Numbers 6:22-27 (