

"Examine yourselves to see if your faith is genuine. Test yourselves. Surely you know that Jesus Christ is among you; if not, you have failed the test of genuine faith." **2 Corinthians 13:5 (NLT)**

"For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift— not from works, so that no one can boast. For we are His creation, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time so that we should walk in them."
Ephesians 2:8–10 (HCSB)

LET OUR FAITH _____ BY WHAT WE DO!

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS:

- ✓ I will memorize **James 2:26 (HCSB)**
- ✓ I will join the New Life church family
- ✓ I will accept Christ for the first time today
- ✓ I will sign up for the next baptism
- ✓ I will begin praying for who I will invite to Easter at New Life on Sat, April 19 or Sun, April 20

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Connection Card



Giving Code

4/5/25-4/6/25 Baptism/Communion Weekend

A Faith That Works When Life Doesn't

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"What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can his faith save him? If a brother or sister is without clothes and lacks daily food and one of you says to them, Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well, but you don't give them what the body needs, what good is it? In the same way faith, if it doesn't have works, is dead by itself. But someone will say, You have faith, and I have works. Show me your faith without works, and I will show you faith from my works. You believe that God is one; you do well. The demons also believe—and they shudder. Foolish man! Are you willing to learn that faith without works is useless? Wasn't Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? You see that faith was active together with his works, and by works, faith was perfected. So the Scripture was fulfilled that says, Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him for righteousness, and he was called God's friend. You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone. And in the same way, wasn't Rahab the prostitute also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by a different route? For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead."

James 2:14–26 (HCSB)

REAL FAITH VERSUS FAKE FAITH

PAUL	JAMES
Emphasis: How to KNOW I'm saved	Emphasis: How to SHOW I'm saved
Focus: The ROOT of my salvation(internal & unseen)	Focus: The FRUIT of my salvation(external & visible)
Works: Keeping Jewish Laws	Works: Living like Jesus

HOW DO I KNOW MY FAITH IS REAL?

1. REAL FAITH IS MORE THAN JUST _____ I SAY.

"My brothers and sisters, what good is it for people to say that they have faith if their actions do not prove it? Can that faith save them?"

James 2:14 (GNB)

*Jesus: "Not all those who say You are our Lord will enter the kingdom of heaven. The only people who will enter the kingdom of heaven are those who do what my Father in heaven wants." **Matthew 7:21 (NCV)***

2. REAL FAITH IS MORE THAN AN _____ I FEEL.

*"If a brother or sister is without clothes and lacks daily food and one of you says to them, Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well, but you don't give them what the body needs, what good is it? In the same way faith, if it doesn't have works, is dead by itself." **James 2:15-17 (HCSB)***

3. REAL FAITH IS MORE THAN AN IDEA I _____.

"Now someone may argue, Some people have faith; others have good deeds. But I say, How can you show me your faith if you don't have good deeds? I will show you my faith by my good deeds."

James 2:18 (NLT)

4. REAL FAITH IS MORE THAN A _____ I BELIEVE.

*"Are there still some among you who hold that only believing is enough? Believing in one God? Well, remember that the demons believe this too—so strongly that they tremble in terror! Fool! When will you ever learn that "believing" is useless without doing what God wants you to? Faith that does not result in good deeds is not real faith." **James 2:19-20 (LB)***

5. REAL FAITH IS SOMETHING I _____!

MEMORY VERSE:

For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.

James 2:26 (HCSB)

2 EXAMPLES OF REAL (ACTIVE) FAITH

• (IN FAITH) ABRAHAM FOLLOWED GOD NOT

_____ WHERE HE WAS _____

"Wasn't Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? You see that faith was active together with his works, and by works, faith was perfected. So the Scripture was fulfilled that says, Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him for righteousness, and he was called God's friend."

James 2:21-23 (HCSB)

• (IN FAITH) RAHAB RISKED HER LIFE TO _____ OTHERS

*"And in the same way, wasn't Rahab the prostitute also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by a different route? For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead." **James 2:25-26 (HCSB)***