

A Revival Of Our Hearts (8)
"Living Faith Out Loud " 8 of 17
Cornerstone Church Of Poway
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Big Idea: We need a revival in our hearts and homes that changes our lives.

What is real faith?

1. Talk _____

"What good is it, my brothers, if a man **claims** to have faith, but has no deeds? Can such "faith" save him?" **James 2:14 (NIV)**

"Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, 'Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed,' but **does nothing** about his physical needs, what good is it?" **James 2:15-16 (NIV)**

"So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless." **James 2:17 (NLT2)**

Notes: _____

2. Actions Speak _____

"But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith **by what I do.**" **James 2:18 (NIV)**

"You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that--and shudder. You foolish man, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is **useless?**" **James 2:19-20 (NIV)**

"But don't just listen to God's word. You must **do what it says.** Otherwise, you are only **fooling yourselves.**" **James 1:22 (NLT2)**

Yes indeed, it is good when you obey the royal law as found in the Scriptures: "**Love your neighbor** as yourself." **James 2:8 (NLT2)**

Notes: _____

3. Faith and Actions _____

Don't you remember that our ancestor Abraham was shown to be right with God **by his actions** when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see, **his faith and his actions worked together**. His actions made his faith complete. And so it happened just as the Scriptures say: "Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith." He was even called the friend of God. So you see, we are shown to be right with God by what we do, not by faith alone."

James 2:21-24 (NLT2)

"Clearly, God's promise to give the whole earth to Abraham and his descendants was based not on his obedience to God's law, but on a **right relationship** with God that comes **by faith**." **Romans 4:13 (NLT2)**

• **We Are Saved _____ Grace _____ Faith _____ Works**

God saved you by His grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

Ephesians 2:8-10 (NLT2)

"Come close to God, and God will come close to you." **James 4:8a (NLT2)**

Remember Verse

➤ **How will I express my faith this week?**

I will put my faith into actions by:

[] Serving my neighbor

[] Serving my family

[] Serving my Church

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Family Corner: [Choose one day this week to ask questions to go deeper in faith as a family. Try this over dinner. Keep it to 12 minutes or less.]

Small Groups: [Choose as many questions that honor your group’s time commitment]

Open in Prayer:

- What thoughts from this week’s message encourage me to live a life for Jesus?

Icebreaker: Who is someone you really respect because of their faith?
 How is their faith a factor in the way they live?

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James 4:8a (NLT2) Remember Verse (Try to memorize this)

Read James 2:14-24

What is real faith?

1. Talk Is Cheap

Read James 2:14-17

What is James driving at?

Read & Discuss Life Application Study Bible.

When someone claims to have faith, what he or she may have is intellectual assent—agreement with a set of Christian teachings—and as such it would be incomplete faith. True faith transforms our conduct as well as our thoughts. If our life remains unchanged, we don't truly believe the truths we claim to believe. [2:17](#) We cannot earn our salvation by serving and obeying God. But such actions show that our commitment to God is real. Deeds of loving service are not a substitute for, but rather a verification of, our faith in Christ.

2. Actions Speak Louder Than Words

Read James 2:18-20

In what way is faith without deeds dead?

Read and discuss Life Application Study Bible.

[2:18](#) At first glance, this verse seems to contradict [Romans 3:28](#), "We are made right with God through faith and not by obeying the law." Deeper investigation, however, shows that the teachings of James and Paul are not at odds. While it is true that our good deeds can never earn salvation, true faith always results in a changed life and good deeds. Paul speaks against those who try to be saved by deeds instead of true faith; James speaks against those who confuse mere intellectual assent with true faith. After all, even demons know who Jesus is, but they don't obey him ([2:19](#)). True faith involves a commitment of your whole self to God.

Read James 1:22

What is the relationship between faith and deeds?

Read James 2:8

How does this relate to the royal law (2:8)?

3. Faith and Actions Work Together

Read James 2:21-24 & See Genesis 22

How did Abraham ultimately pass his test of faith?

What are some faith moments that you have experienced?

Read and discuss Life Application Study Bible.

[2:21-24](#) James says that Abraham was "shown to be right with God" for what he *did* because he *believed* God ([Romans 4:1-5](#)). James and Paul are not contradicting but complementing each other. Let's not conclude that the truth is a blending of these two statements. We are not justified by what we do in any way. True faith always results in good deeds, but the deeds do not justify us. Faith brings us salvation; active obedience demonstrates that our faith is genuine.

- **We Are Saved BY Grace THROUGH Faith FOR Works**

Read Ephesians 2:8-10

How does this describe grace and faith?

What does verse 10 reveal about us?

Close in Prayer: Start praying. Be bold and pray specifically.
