

## 5. REAL FAITH IS \_\_\_\_\_

**The Apostle James versus the Apostle Paul on faith and works:** \_\_\_\_\_


Ephesians 2:8-9 "For it is **by grace** you have been saved, **through faith-** and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God- **not by works**, so that no one can boast."

Ephesians 2:10 "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus **to do good works**, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

We have to keep these three truths in order: "By grace" and "Through faith" and then "For good works".

**Abraham and Rahab were two very different people but they both expressed their faith by their actions:** \_\_\_\_\_

**WEEK SIX ICONNECT GROUPS:** This week you will review what faith is and what faith is not and be encouraged to live a life that demonstrates your faith practically.



# REAL FAITH

## WEEK SIX

### "HOW TO HAVE REAL FAITH"

**THEME SCRIPTURE: JAMES 2:14-26**

*14* What good is it, my brothers and my sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? *15* Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. *16* If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? *17* In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

*18* But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. *19* You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that- and shudder.

*20* You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? *21* Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? *22* You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. *23* And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God and it was credited to him as righteousness," and he was called God's friend. *24* You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone...

## James 2:14-26 (Continued)

*25 In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction? 26 As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.*

**James helps us see what Real Faith is versus \_\_\_\_\_**

## HOW TO HAVE REAL FAITH:

### 1. REAL FAITH IS MORE THAN JUST \_\_\_\_\_

Verse 14 says "What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them?"

**A lot of people claim to have faith or claim to be a Christian.**

**Jesus said the following about real faith:**

Matthew 16:24 (NLT) "Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me.'"

Matthew 7:20-21 (NLT) "Yes, just as you can identify a tree by its fruit, so you can identify people by their actions. Not everyone who calls out to me, 'Lord! Lord!' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter."

### 2. REAL FAITH IS MORE THAN JUST \_\_\_\_\_

Verses 15 & 16 give an illustration: "Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and well fed, But does nothing about their physical needs what good is it?'"

**When we become a part of God's family, we have some family \_\_\_\_\_**

1 John 3:17-18 "If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in them? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth."

### 3. REAL FAITH IS MORE THAN JUST \_\_\_\_\_

Verse 18 "But someone will say, 'You have faith; I have deeds.' Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds."

**God's word is saying \_\_\_\_\_ your faith.**

### 4. REAL FAITH IS MORE THAN JUST \_\_\_\_\_

Verse 19 "You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that- and shudder."

**"Believe" in the Greek means: \_\_\_\_\_**