

III. DYNAMIC FAITH

A. Is Based On What You Do

“20 But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?”

21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar?

22 Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect?

23 And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.” And he was called the friend of God.

24 You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.

25 Likewise, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out another way?

26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.” James 2:20-26

Illustrations: Abraham (vs 21-24) and Rahab (v25).

Dynamic faith is like calories. You can't see calories, but you see the results of them.

B. It Leads To Heaven

“9: That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

13: For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” Romans 10:9,13

DO YOU HAVE A FAITH THAT SAVES?

“What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him?” James 2:14

FORWARD BY FAITH

Faith That Saves

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INTRODUCTION

- A. Welcome to a new year! A new year represents progress. However, God has called us not to just move forward. He commands us to move forward by faith! The Bible says,

“For we walk by faith, not by sight” II Corinthians 5:7

What is faith? Faith is confident obedience to the Word of God regardless of circumstances or consequences.

Faith in God fuels spiritual growth. You are either moving forward by faith or backward by fear.

- B. Our Forward By Faith teaching series will show you how to trust God more and achieve your goals. The messages include:

TODAY	Faith That Saves
Jan 17	Faith That Emboldens
Jan 24	Faith That Goes
Jan 31	Faith That Unites
Feb 7	Faith That Grows

- C. **TEXT:** James 2:14-26

FAITH THAT SAVES

I. DEAD FAITH

A. Is Based On What You Say

“14 What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him?”

15 If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food,

16 and one of you says to them, “Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,” but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit?

17 Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

18 But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.”

James 2:14-18

Dead faith is all talk and no walk.

B. It Leads To Hell

“20: Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

21: Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.”

Matthew 7:20-21

II. DEMONIC FAITH

A. Is Based On What You Think and Feel

“You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble!” James 2:19

What Do Demons Believe?

1. The demons believe that Jesus is the Son of God.

“And unclean spirits, when they saw him, fell down before him, and cried, saying, Thou art the Son of God.” Mark 3:11

2. The demons believe that Jesus is holy.

“23: And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, 24: Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God.” Mark 1:23-24

3. The demons believe that Jesus is Christ.

“And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ the Son of God. And he rebuking them suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was Christ.” Luke 4:41

Demonic faith is intellectual and emotional. The demons tremble when they think about who is Jesus, but real faith is not thinking about Jesus and getting a “quiver in your liver.”

- B. It Leads to Hell

“Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:” Matthew 25:41