

Sunday | February 21 | 2021

Faith in Action

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Text: James 2:14-26

What was the most important take-away for you from this week's message?

In your own words - how would you summarize the theological message of today's text?

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Live For God. Love Each Other. Build God's Kingdom

Discussion Questions

1. What is the general relationship between "faith" and "works" that James outlines in this passage?
2. **Apply It!** Notice the "faith without works" that James describes in vv. 15-16. Does our faith ever look like this? Why is that? How can we resist this kind of "faith"?
3. What does it mean that "faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead," (v. 17)? Is this an argument for works-righteousness?
4. What does v. 19 say about the danger of 'passive' faith?
5. **Apply It!** James says that Abraham's faith was both active along with his works, and that it was "...completed by his works," (v. 22). How do your works 'complete' your faith? In other words, how do your deeds reveal the true nature of your faith?
6. The spirit animates (gives life to) the body (v. 26). How do good works 'give life to' the Christian faith?
7. **Apply It!** What will you do, based on this passage, to better pursue our mission - to Live for God, to Love Each Other, and to Build God's Kingdom?

PRAY TOGETHER!

Thank the Lord that he has enabled us to live out our faith through good works, and that he's gone before us in preparing those good works for us to do (Ephesians 2:10). Pray for DVBC, that the Lord may make us a church of STRONG FAITH, committed deeply to building his kingdom through GOOD WORKS!