# SERVE WITH INTENT

James 2:14-26

*Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by actions, is dead.* (vs.17)

**BIG IDEA: GOOD WORKS IS ALWAYS AN OUTCOME OF REAL FAITH**

## I. WHO IS RIGHT - JAMES OR PAUL? BOTH

*For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.* Eph.2:8-10 (NASB)

## II. WHAT IS REAL FAITH?

### 1. REAL FAITH IS NOT JUST SOMETHING YOU SAY

*What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith, but has no deeds? Can such faith save him?* (vs. 14)



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**2. REAL FAITH IS NOT JUST SOMETHING YOU**
**FEEL**

*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?* (vs.15-16)

**3. REAL FAITH IS NOT JUST SOMETHING YOU**
**THINK**

*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.* (vs.18)

**4. REAL FAITH IS NOT JUST SOMETHING YOU**
**BELIEVE**

*You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that -- and shudder!* (vs. 19)

**5. REAL FAITH IS SOMETHING YOU**
**DO**

Illustrations: Abraham (vs. 20-24) and Rahab (vs. 25)

*Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves.* 2 Cor. 13:5


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