

## Real Faith in God



MEMORY VERSE: “It is good when you obey the royal law as found in the Scriptures:  
“Love your neighbor as yourself.”  
James 2:8

### DAY 1 JAMES 2:1-7 — The Believer and Discrimination

1. Read verses 1-4. What does James ask? What does this discrimination show? What are some of the motivations behind favoritism?
2. How do God and man view people differently? See 1 Samuel 16:7.
3. How does God view people who are poor by the world’s standards? v. 5
4. How do you treat people that are different from you?

### DAY 2 JAMES 2:8-13 — The Believer and Favoritism

5. According to verse 8, when are we doing good? What’s one way you can do this today?
6. Read verses 9-11. Why do you think we are guilty of breaking the whole law if we only break part of it?

7. From verses 12-13, when we are tempted to show favoritism what should we remember?

8. Who is a person in your life that you need to show more love to? How will you do this?

### DAY 3 JAMES 2:14-20 — The Believer and His Deeds

9. What is the main point of verses 14-16?

10. How did James say believers should show true faith? vv. 17-18

11. Read verses 19-20. What is the difference in saving faith and non-saving belief like the demons had?

12. What kind of works might accompany living faith?

### DAY 4 JAMES 2:21-26 — Faith and Action

13. What two examples did James use for effective faith? Why?  
Abraham

Rahab

14. What does James say about the relationship between faith and actions? v. 22  
What do your actions say about your faith?

**DAY 5** JAMES 2 — Wrap Up

15. What has God used in James 2 to probe or to deepen or to strengthen your faith?

16. Why do you think it's so important to God that we follow all of His commands, not just the ones we like?

17. What's one way you can bring your actions more in line with what you believe?

**TAKE AWAY**

Think of someone that to you has a lot of faith. What does their life look like?

**BLESSING**

God blesses you when you take action to love and help others!

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James is clear about the hypocrisy happening among Christians. Like a lot of us today, the people of the early church struggled with committing every part of their lives to Jesus. They welcomed Jesus' teaching on grace and salvation but seemed to be ignoring His instructions on how to treat others.

Faith and works go hand in hand. As Jesus works in us, He begins to work through us. Jesus changes the way we look at other people, giving us a desire to serve others and tell people about Him.

Our actions speak louder than words. We can say we love Jesus, but if our love for Jesus doesn't change how we live, how much do we really love Him?

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