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## JAMES 2:14-20 (NASV)

### I. REAL FAITH IS MORE THAN WORDS.

James 2:14, "What use is it, my brothers, if someone SAYS he has faith but he has NO WORKS? Can THAT FAITH save him?"

**TRUTH:** Real faith is more than lip service.

### II. FAITH IS MORE THAN EMOTION.

James 2:15-16, "If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, be warmed and be filled,' and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that? Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself."

\*There are three responses possible to someone, in the church, going through hard times:

1. Sympathy
2. Empathy
3. Compassion

**TRUTH:** Real faith is practical; it gets involved in people's hurts.

### III. FAITH IS IN YOUR FEET, NOT YOUR HEAD.

James 2:18, "But someone may well say, 'You have faith and I have works, show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works.'"

**TRUTH:** Real faith is action.

**TRUTH:** You know faith is real by the lifestyle that's lived.

**TRUTH:** Real faith always produces a changed life.

### IV. REAL FAITH ACTS.

James 2:20, "But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless?"

**TRUTH:** Real faith always shows itself as a changed life:

1. By being baptized.

**DEFINITION:** Baptism is a public identification of your life with Jesus Christ.

2. By a changed lifestyle.

**TRUTH:** Behavior shows belief.