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Worship Service
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JAMES: Real Faith, Real Life

Lesson Twelve • James 2:14-19

Real Faith

What Is Real Faith?

Real faith is demonstrated not by what we SAY we believe
but how we LIVE OUT what we say we believe.

Talk Is Cheap When It Comes to Real Faith

1. Don't Just TELL ME You Have Real Faith!

Serious Question (vs. 14)

What good is it, my brothers, if someone SAYS he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him?

Serious Answer (vs. 14)

The implied answer is NO, this kind of faith doesn't save anybody.

Shocking Example of False Faith (vs. 15-16)

If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you SAYS to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?

Sobering Conclusion (vs. 17)

So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is DEAD.

2. SHOW ME You Have Real Faith!

The Objection (vs. 18)

But someone will say, "You have FAITH and I have WORKS." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

The Example (vs. 19)

You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the DEMONS believe—and shudder!

Characteristics of Demons' Faith

- The faith of demons is recognition without RELATIONSHIP.

- The faith of demons is acknowledgement without ACCEPTANCE.

- The faith of demons is reverence without REPENTANCE.

Take-Away

Make sure you have REAL FAITH in Jesus Christ, for only real faith saves.

Repent of your sin, turn to Christ trusting Him alone to save you, and then by the Spirit's indwelling power live in such a way that shows you have real faith.

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. Romans 10:9-10

And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." Acts 16:29-31