

# Faith Works—James 2:14-26

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### Ephesians 2:8-9

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast.”

### Ephesians 2:10

“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

**We aren’t saved BY our good works....  
but we are saved to  
DO good works.**

### Faith DEFINED

Faith is not a concept...

Faith is a relationship

- Faithful relationship
- Exclusive relationship
- Intimate relationship

### Works Defined

“Works” means a “corresponding action”.

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Works don’t earn salvation, works just reflect the reality of salvation.

### James 2:18

“But someone will say, “You have faith; I have deeds.” Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds.

### James 2:19

“You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.”

### Deuteronomy 6:4-9

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>5</sup> Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. <sup>6</sup> These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. <sup>7</sup> Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. <sup>8</sup> Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. <sup>9</sup> Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.”

### James 2:20-24

“You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? <sup>21</sup> Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? <sup>22</sup> You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. <sup>23</sup> And the scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness,” and he was called God’s friend. <sup>24</sup> You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone.”

### James 2:25-26

“In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction?”

### James 2:26

“As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.”

## FAITH WORKS!

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