

## James 2:14–26 New American Standard Bible (NASB)

### Faith and Works

<sup>14</sup> What use is it, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but he has no works? Can <sup>[a]</sup>that faith save him? <sup>15</sup> If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, <sup>16</sup> and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, <sup>[b]</sup>be warmed and be filled,” and yet you do not give them what is necessary for *their* body, what use is that? <sup>17</sup> Even so faith, if it has no works, is <sup>[c]</sup>dead, *being* by itself.

<sup>18</sup> But someone <sup>[d]</sup>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.” <sup>19</sup> You believe that <sup>[e]</sup>God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder. <sup>20</sup> But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless? <sup>21</sup> Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar? <sup>22</sup> You see that faith was working with his works, and <sup>[f]</sup>as a result of the works, faith was <sup>[g]</sup>perfected; <sup>23</sup> and the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “AND ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS,” and he was called the friend of God. <sup>24</sup> You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone. <sup>25</sup> In the same way, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? <sup>26</sup> For just as the body without *the* spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.

## James 2:14-26 New International Version (NIV)

### Faith and Deeds

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? <sup>15</sup>Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. <sup>16</sup>If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? <sup>17</sup>In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

<sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.

<sup>20</sup>You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless<sup>[a]</sup>? <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,"<sup>[b]</sup> 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.

<sup>25</sup>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? <sup>26</sup>As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.

## James 2:14-26 New Living Translation (NLT)

### Faith without Good Deeds Is Dead

<sup>14</sup> What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone?<sup>15</sup> Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing,<sup>16</sup> and you say, "Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well"—but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do?

<sup>17</sup> So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless.

<sup>18</sup> Now someone may argue, "Some people have faith; others have good deeds." But I say, "How can you show me your faith if you don't have good deeds? I will show you my faith by my good deeds."

<sup>19</sup> You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God.<sup>[a]</sup> Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror. <sup>20</sup> How foolish! Can't you see that faith without good deeds is useless?

<sup>21</sup> Don't you remember that our ancestor Abraham was shown to be right with God by his actions when he offered his son Isaac on the altar?<sup>22</sup> You see, his faith and his actions worked together. His actions made his faith complete. <sup>23</sup> And so it happened just as the Scriptures say: "Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith."<sup>[b]</sup> He was even called the friend of God.<sup>[c]</sup> <sup>24</sup> So you see, we are shown to be right with God by what we do, not by faith alone.

<sup>25</sup> Rahab the prostitute is another example. She was shown to be right with God by her actions when she hid those messengers and sent them safely away by a different road. <sup>26</sup> Just as the body is dead without breath,<sup>[d]</sup> so also faith is dead without good works.

## James 2:14–26 English Standard Version (ESV)

### Faith Without Works Is Dead

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, <sup>16</sup>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<sup>[a]</sup> is that? <sup>17</sup>So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

<sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! <sup>20</sup>Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? <sup>21</sup>Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? <sup>22</sup>You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; <sup>23</sup>and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of God. <sup>24</sup>You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. <sup>25</sup>And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? <sup>26</sup>For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

## James 2:14-26 Amplified Bible (AMP)

### Faith and Works

<sup>14</sup>What is the benefit, my fellow believers, if someone claims to have faith but has no [good] works [as evidence]? Can that [kind of] faith save him? [No, a mere claim of faith is not sufficient—genuine faith produces good works.] <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is without [adequate] clothing and lacks [enough] food for each day, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, “Go in peace [with my blessing], [keep] warm and feed yourselves,” but he does not give them the necessities for the body, what good does that do? <sup>17</sup>So too, faith, if it does not have works [to back it up], is by itself dead [inoperative and ineffective].

<sup>18</sup>But someone may say, “You [claim to] have faith and I have [good] works; show me your [alleged] faith without the works [if you can], and I will show you my faith by my works [that is, by what I do].” <sup>19</sup>You believe that <sup>[a]</sup>God is one; you do well [to believe that]. The demons also believe [that], and shudder *and* bristle [in awe-filled terror—they have seen His wrath]! <sup>20</sup>But are you willing to recognize, you foolish [spiritually shallow] person, that faith without [good] works is useless? <sup>21</sup>Was our father Abraham not [shown to be] justified by works [of obedience which expressed his faith] when he offered Isaac his son on the altar [as a sacrifice to God]? <sup>22</sup>You see that [his] faith was working together with his works, and as a result of the works, his faith was completed [reaching its maturity when he expressed his faith through obedience]. <sup>23</sup>And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND THIS [faith] WAS CREDITED TO HIM [by God] AS RIGHTEOUSNESS *and* AS CONFORMITY TO HIS WILL,” and he was called the friend of God. <sup>24</sup>You see that a man [believer] is justified by works and not by faith alone [that is, by acts of obedience a born-again believer reveals his faith]. <sup>25</sup>In the same way, was Rahab the prostitute not justified by works too, when she received the [Hebrew] <sup>[b]</sup>spies as guests *and* protected them, and sent them away [to escape] by a different route? <sup>26</sup>For just as the [human] body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works [of obedience] is also dead.