

A silhouette of a person rappelling down a rope against a dark background. The person is positioned on the right side of the frame, with their body angled towards the left. The rope extends from the top right towards the bottom left. The background is a gradient of dark grey to black.

The Book of JAMES

"Do not merely listen to the word...Do what it says."

James 1:22 NIV

James 2:14-26

Faith that Sets the Wheels in Motion



1. FAITH MUST “SET THE WHEELS IN MOTION.”

Jas. 2:14 **What good is it**, my brothers, if someone says **he has faith** but **does not have works**? Can that faith save him? (V 2:16)



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Jas. 1:22-24 But **be doers of the word, and not hearers only**, deceiving yourselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. 24 **For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like.**



2. REAL FAITH IS ROOTED IN THE HEART NOT THE HEAD.

Jas. 2:19 You believe that God is one; you do well. **Even the demons believe--!**

“Faith does more than nod with devils.” Beth Moore



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HEART NOT THE HEAD.

John 15:5 I am the vine; you are the
branches. Whoever abides in me and
I in him, **he it is that bears much fruit,**
for apart from me you can do
nothing... 8 by this my father is
glorified **that you bear much fruit and
so prove to be my disciples.**



REAL FAITH “WORKS ITSELF OUT”
TO OTHERS.

Phil. 2:12-13 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, ..., work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you, **both to will and to work for his good pleasure.**



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Matt 25:37 Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ... 39 And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' 40 And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

- **TO SERVE THE FORGOTTEN IS TO SERVE CHRIST, DIRECTLY.**

Luke 9:48 and said to them, "Whoever receives this child in my name **receives me**, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. For he who is least among you all is the one who is great."



3. FAITH IS “SHOWN” BY THE GOOD WE DO!

Jas. 2:18 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.**

- Abraham's "justification."
 - Gen 15:6 and Gen 12



NEXT STEPS

1. Are you ready to “grab the rope” and begin the “climb” for Christ?
 1. Take a baby-step today in that direction.
2. Look for at least one good deed you can do this coming week. Ask God to give you a “divine appointment” for His good.



NEXT STEPS

3. Consider one of these social ministries to support, personally:
 1. Laurel Pregnancy Center
 2. Christian Jail Ministry
 3. Food Pantry
 4. Ruth House
 5. Balt City Tool Bank
 6. Ministry to Seniors