COMMUNITY OF FAITH

TIME TO MOVE

WEEK 2
TODD GENTEMAN

JAMES 2:14–17 | NIV
14 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? 15 Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. 16 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? 17 In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

LIVING FAITH PRODUCES VISIBLE EVIDENCE.

1. LIVING FAITH CHANGES HOW WE SEE PEOPLE.

JAMES 2:1–4
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verses 8-13
8 If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, “Love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing right. 9 But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. 10 For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.

[11] For he who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker.
[12] Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, [13] because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

2. LIVING FAITH CHANGES HOW WE SERVE PEOPLE.

JAMES 2:14
"What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them?" (NIV)
verses 15-16
[15] Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. [16] 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?

JAMES 2:17
"Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."

JAMES 2:19
"You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder." (NIV)

3. LIVING FAITH CHANGES HOW WE SURRENDER TO GOD.

Verses 20-24
[20] You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? [21] Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? [22] You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. [23] 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. [24] You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone.

Verses 25-26
[25] 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? [26] As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.