



# Faith Alive!

*Working Faith*

James 2:20-26

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### **Introduction**

- **Centerpiece of the book: Bogus vs. Working Faith**
- **Relationship between Faith & Works – a big deal!**

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### **Turning to the text...**

- **Vs. 20**
  - **Willing to hear?**
  - **'Unemployed faith' (Matt 20:3,6)**
  - **An idle field, bearing no crops or a tree without fruit... something is seriously wrong!**

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- **Vs. 21-24 Abraham's Working Faith**
  - Genesis 12 – See Heb 11:8,9
  - Genesis 15 – See Heb 11:11,12
  - Genesis 22 – See Heb 11:17-19

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**Faith and works working together**
  - Synergism
  - Works make faith complete – like a jigsaw puzzle
  - Faith works itself out in works  
See Phil 2:12,13; Eph 2:8-10

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**Faith and works working together**
  - Paul argues against the false idea that good works lay at the root of salvation
  - James argues against the false idea that 'faith' standing alone is real faith

*We are justified by faith alone – but the faith that justifies is never alone!*

- **Vs. 25,24 Rahab's Working Faith**  
Heb 11:31

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### **Personal & Practical Application**

*What if there is no visible fruit?*

*What if 'faith' is alone?*