



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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- **Vs. 21-24 Abraham's Working Faith**
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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- **Vs. 21-24 Abraham's Working Faith**
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?