

Sermon Resources

Sermon: Dead Faith Walking

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WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

James 2:14-26

(SERMON IN A SENTENCE) If our faith doesn't move our hands, our heart, and our habits, it may not be alive at all.

LIVING FAITH MOVES WITH OBEDIENCE, EVEN IF IT'S INCONVENIENT.

WHAT DO I NEED TO ASK?

- **ICEBREAKER:** Share a time when someone showed up for you in a tangible way. How did that impact you?
- Has there ever been a time when you realized your faith had become more of a belief system than a way of life? What brought that to light?
- What happens when people only offer words but not presence or help?
 - *Before moving into the next questions, ask someone to read James 2:14-26 out loud for the group.*
- James gives a strong word—"faith without works is dead." What's one way you've seen that be true, either in your own life or around you?
- When you think about obedience, courage, or trust—where do you feel strongest? Where do you feel weakest?

LIVING FAITH MOVES WITH COURAGE, EVEN WHEN IT'S RISKY

LIVING FAITH MOVES WITH TRUST, EVEN BEFORE THE OUTCOME IS CLEAR.

MEMORY VERSE: In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. James 2:17

- What might obedience look like this week—even if it's inconvenient?
- Can you name a place in your life where stepping out in faith would feel risky—but right?
- What would it look like to "trust God before the outcome is clear" in one area of your life right now?
- Is there someone in our group (or life) whose faith-in-action encourages you? What do you see in them?
- As a group, how can we help each other not just talk about faith—but live it? What would support, challenge, or next steps look like here?