

*The Year of the Bible: Work Your Faith*  
James 2:14-26

**I. A Worthless Faith** (*James 2:14-19*)

- A. **The Question:** Can a deedless faith save? (*v.14*)
- B. **The Example:** Warm wishes on a cold night (*vv.15-16*)
- C. **The Conclusion:** Faith without works is dead (*v.17*)
- D. **The Debate:** Faith versus Works (*vv.18-19*) *Galatians 3:1-14; Romans 3:21-4:25; Ephesians 2:8-9*
  - 1. Faith is more than intellectual assent
  - 2. Faith is more than an emotional response

**II. A Working Faith** (*James 2:20-26*)

- A. **The Evidence:** From Scripture (*v.20*)
- B. **Exhibit A:** Abraham (*vv.21-24*)
  - 1. Two Kinds of Righteousness
    - a. Positional: How we stand before God
    - b. Practical: How we live for God
  - 2. Two kinds of Work
    - a. Fueled by the flesh
    - b. Fruit of the Spirit
  - 3. Two kinds of Justification
    - a. Initial justification
    - b. Final justification
- C. **Exhibit B:** Rahab (*v.25*)
  - 1. Received salvation through radical grace
  - 2. Risked her life through radical action
- D. **Final Conclusion:** A living faith is a working faith (*v.26*)