

***James: Faith that Works***  
**A Fruitless Faith (2:14-19)**

**Introduction:** “It’s About as Useless as a Screen Door on a Submarine”  
*Hebrews 11:6; Ephesians 2:8-9*

James uses a hypothetical argument to make his point about faith and works:

**I. The Question: Can a deedless faith save?** (*v.14*) *Matthew 7:16-20*

**II. An Example: Warm wishes on a cold night** (*vv.15-16*)

**III. The Conclusion: Faith without works is dead** (*v.17*) *1 John 3:17-18;*  
*Matthew 7:21*

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#### IV. The Debate: Faith versus Works? (vv.18-19) Galatians 3:11; Romans 3:28; Ephesians 2:8-10; Acts 15

“Paul’s teaching about faith and works focuses on the time before conversion, and James’s focus is after conversion.” (R. Kent Hughes)

"It is faith alone that justifies, but faith that justifies can never be alone." (John Calvin)

A. Fruitful Faith is more than \_\_\_\_\_ belief.  
*Deuteronomy 6:4*

B. Fruitful Faith is more than an \_\_\_\_\_ response.

**Conclusion:** Two little words in this passage sums up James' point:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.14, 16, 18)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ (v.18) *John 13:34-35; Matthew 5:16; Galatians 5:6*

The Christian life is a Show *and* Tell. It takes both words and works to proclaim the Gospel.