

Discover True Faith's Footprints
Active Faith Unleashed – Part 5
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Psalms 17:5 (ESV) My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped.

Proverbs 4:26-27 (ESV) Ponder the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure. Do not swerve to the right or to the left; turn your foot away from evil.

1. Don't be deceived by faith without _____

James 2:14 (ESV) What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him?

James 2:15-16 (ESV) If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?

James 2:17 (ESV) So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

2. What is the _____ of authentic faith?

James 2:18 (ESV) But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

James 2:19-20 (ESV) You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless?

James 2:21-22 (ESV) Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works;

3. Embrace _____ that touches and transforms

James 2:23-24 (ESV) and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"—and he was called a friend of God. You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone.

James 2:25 (ESV) And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way?

James 2:26 (ESV) For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

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Intro. In what ways do we leave footprints in the sands of our lives?

What does Psalm 17:5 tell us about the direction of our steps in life?

What may cause us to swerve off God's path for our lives (Proverbs 4:26-27)?

1A. How would you answer James' questions in James 2:14?

1B. Explain the point of the illustration in James 2:15-16.

1C. Why is faith without works, dead (James 2:17)?

1D. What is wrong with people who claim to be Christians, but the actions of their lives are not consistent with their confession?

2A. In what ways does James explain to us that faith and works are inseparable (James 2:18)?

2B. Why does mere belief in God not save anyone (James 2:19-20)?

2C. How was Abraham's faith completed by his works (James 2:21-22)?

2D. Why do you think that there are so many people who mistakenly believe they are saved by faith alone and others believe they are saved by their works?

3A. How did Abraham's faith and obedience make him a friend of God (James 2:23-24)?

3B. In what way did Rahab show both faith and works (James 2:25)?

3C. How would you explain James 2:26 to someone?

3D. Based on this passage, how would you discern whether someone is truly saved?