Faith In Action

Ken Chapman · James 2:14–26

INTRODUCTION

- You cannot read the New Testament, even casually read the New Testament, without coming away with the conclusion that God wants us to obey Him.
- But you also can't read the New Testament even casually without also coming away from the conclusion that God is gracious and merciful.
- It doesn't matter what I think my faith should look like. It only matters what God thinks it looks like.

1 Profession Is Meaningless Without Performance

James 2:15–17; James 2:18–23; Genesis 15:6

- James' illustration is do you see that what you say doesn't really mean anything unless it's backed up with action.
- Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.
- Faith without works is dead. It's not doing anything. Your faith is not doing for you what it's supposed to do.
- If we go to the right church and listen to the right preacher preaching the right gospel, and we don't do anything about it. Our faith is dead.
- Show me your faith without your works, and I'll show you my faith by my works. Our faith is demonstrated through performance.
- It was stated in Genesis 15, but it was fulfilled in Genesis 22. When by faith he did something in offering up Isaac.

2 Christianity Must Be Practical to Be Real

James 2:24–25; Romans 3:28; James 2:26

- Christianity must be practical to be real. Anybody can make the claim.
- Abraham's faith was fulfilled when he lived it.
- Whether you're Abraham, or whether you're a harlot, faith can work in your life. And God can give you a second chance.
- What Paul was saying in Romans 3, verse 28 is we're saved by faith, not by works of the law.
- You take works out of your faith, you take obedience, service out of your faith. It does nothing. It accomplishes nothing.

THE CHALLENGE

When your brethren need you, will your faith act? Or do we have the faith of demons that does nothing?

MY NOTES