

# LET'S TALK



## JAMES : GENUINE FAITH

You can either use this for personal application of Sunday's message or as part of your preparation for HomeGroup this week.

### LET'S GO DEEPER



#### James 2: 14 - 26

*Genuine Faith is evidenced through what we do - Faith without works is dead*

**Martin Luther** "People are justified (declared righteous before God) by faith alone, but not by faith that is alone. Genuine faith will produce good works, but only faith in Jesus saves"

**Amplified** "You say you have faith and I have good works. Now you show me your alleged faith apart from any good work, if you can, and I will by good works of obedience will show you my faith."

#### 3 Examples from James

1. Faith : What we believe lived out in our daily lives. *eg helping those in need.*
2. Faith : Stepping out in faith - obedience. *eg Abraham and Isaac*
3. Faith : Recognise God is doing something, putting your trust and faith in Him. *eg Rahab*

#### The key is that our Faith and Actions line up.

1. If someone had to write a witness statement about your life, do you think what they say would reflect your faith?  
Are there areas that require your attention, obedience or action.  
(Only you can make the changes you need to make)
2. Do you have a sense of what God is asking of you?  
Is it hidden or do others know?  
Are your actions/steps towards that in line with God's word and ways?

Is there importance in "timing" when it comes to speaking about what God has called you to, or is that more of a man instituted idea than God's way?

Can you sense God doing something at the moment?  
Are you ready to trust him and do what is necessary?

What do you think stops us living out our faith in the way James is speaking about here?

What do we need to be mindful of in this regard?

### LET'S APPLY THIS



#### This week:

Ask God to show you what areas need attention and how you need to make those adjustments?

If you are not sure of what God is asking of you set time aside this week to ask Him and also listen?