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## WORSHIP

Suggested worship songs: How Great Thou Art, Victory in Jesus, Trust and Obey, Mighty to Save, Firm Foundation, Since Jesus Came into My Heart

## WELCOME

Have you been blessed with an act of kindness from someone (e.g., from someone you know or even a stranger) the past week?

## *READ IT!*

## WORD

### **James 2:14-26**

14 What use is it, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but he has no works? Can that faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and be filled," and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that? 17 Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself.

18 But someone may well say, "You have faith and I have works; show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works." 19 You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder. 20 But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless? 21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar? 22 You see that faith was working with his works, and as a result of the works, faith was perfected; 23 and the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "And Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness," and he was called the friend of God. 24 You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone. 25 In the same way, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? 26 For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.

## *PARAPHRASE IT!*

Restate the verses in your own words.

## *TALK ABOUT IT!*

- What did you like about these verses?
- What did you learn about God?
- What did you learn about people?
- What did you learn about real faith?
- What did you learn about following Jesus?

## *POINT IT OUT*

**ACTS NOT JUST TALKS** (James 2:14-17, Ephesians 2:8-10, Galatians 5:22-23, 1 Timothy 5:9-10, 2 Thessalonians 3:10-11)

**SURRENDERS NOT JUST KNOWS** (James 2:18-20, Titus 1:16)

**OBEYS NOT JUST BELIEVES** (James 2:21-26, Romans 3:28, Romans 4:2-5, Genesis 15:1-6, Hebrews 11:17-19, Joshua 2:9-19)

## ***APPLY IT!***

### **WORKS**

Based on this lesson on “*REAL FAITH WORKS*” write down your action point to apply what you learned. Make it your “I will...” statement and follow the S.M.A.R.T. guideline to come up with a do-able action point.

#### **PRAY CARE SHARE IN ACTION**

Pray for those who may think they are saved but do not have genuine faith in Christ. Reach out to them and demonstrate real faith that works. Share the gospel to them, depend on the Holy Spirit to work in their hearts to bring them to real faith in Christ.

#### **WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS**

##### **I. Thanksgiving**

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives.

##### **II. Country and the World**

- Upright and moral governance of public servants; repentance and salvation for government leaders and citizens for a Christ-centered Philippines.
- For legislators to promote and support bills and laws aligned with God’s Word.
- PRAY for the protection, safety and release of kidnapped American Christian missionary, Kevin, serving in Niger (West Africa). For God to turn the hearts of the kidnappers to repentance and salvation. Peace and comfort for Kevin’s family.
- Pray for persecuted Christians in Sudan and Nigeria) --- many have been beheaded and murdered; earnestly seek God’s intervention to stop the bloodshed. Pray for freedom from oppression, that God’s word and His people bring them comfort and hope.
- PRAISE God that the rest of the living Israeli hostages have been restored to their families safely! Continue to pray that the last remaining dead hostage will be returned to his family for burial.
- For Israel’s war with terrorists to end according to God’s purpose and for His glory. For Jewish people worldwide who are experiencing a surge of antisemitism. May this lead them to the Messiah, Jesus as they turn to God for help and comfort.
- For nations in turmoil (e.g., Ukraine, Iran, Syria, etc.) to experience true freedom in Christ and become centers for massive

spiritual revivals in their regions. Killings of thousands of civilians by Islamist regime forces in Iran and Syria to be put to an end by God’s mighty hand.

##### **III. Church**

- That CCF Members would honor and love God, and make disciples
- For elders, pastors, deacons, and families to become holy, humble, harmonious, happy, and heart-working)
- For ministries and church expansions worldwide.

##### **IV. CCF Facilities**

- Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain (MMRC)

##### **V. Personal Concerns**

- Deeper and intimate relationship with God
- Righteous living.
- Salvation of family and friends

#### **MEMORY VERSE**

##### **James 2:26**

26 For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.