

The Bible tells us that faith is interactive. This means that the faith God has planted in his people calls for a response; the Bible also gives us a clue to what that response looks like.

actions are a _____ of faith,
not a _____ for faith

the actions of my faith:

_____ by how I live
_____ through the way I live
_____ in how I live

As growing disciples who are followers of Jesus, we have a faith that _____ in our lives as a _____ in our lives.

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Q. Since we have been delivered from our misery by grace through Christ without any merit of our own, why then should we do good works?

A. Because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, is also restoring us by his Spirit into his image,

so that with our whole lives we may show that we are thankful to God for his benefits, that he may be praised through us,

so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits,

and so that by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ.

Faith That Responds

James 2:14-24 (NIV)



¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have **faith** but has no **deeds**? Can such **faith** save them? ¹⁵Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. ¹⁶If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? ¹⁷In the same way, **faith** by itself, if it is not accompanied by **action**, is dead.

¹⁸But someone will say, “You have **faith**; I have **deeds**.”

Show me your **faith** without **deeds**, and I will show you my **faith** by my **deeds**. ¹⁹You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.

²⁰You foolish person, do you want evidence that **faith** without **deeds** is useless? ²¹Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar?

²²You see that his **faith and his **actions** were working together, and his **faith** was made complete by what he did.**

²³And the scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness,” and he was called God’s friend.

²⁴You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by **faith** alone.

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Understanding the Bible:
What is the problem being
expressed in this Bible passage?

How does God show up in this Bible Passage?

According to today's passage, what needs to
accompany our faith?

My favorite song today:

Things I will pray for this week:

Today's Bible Passage: James 2:14-24

(Can you find the highlighted words?)

K O B S I S T E R M P A
M W A R M S U C H R E A
A C T I O N O T H I N G
P E A C E T I F L G B I
G L A B R A H A M H C S
C O L M F B C E G T D A
S C O N S I D E R E D M
U O I D S A V E E O A E
P G M Y N E E D S U I I
P H H E I D V B I S L K
O P C L O T H E S H Y E
S D E O L N S H O W I E
E B F T P P E R S O N P

What **good** is it, my brothers and sisters, if **someone** **claims** to have **faith** but has no **deeds**? Can **such faith** **save** them? **Suppose** a **brother** or a **sister** is without **clothes** and **daily food**. If one of you says to them, "Go in **peace**; **keep**

warm and well fed," but does **nothing** about their **physical needs**, what **good** is it? In the **same** way, **faith** by itself, if it is not accompanied by **action**, is dead. But **someone** will say, "You have **faith**; I have **deeds**." **Show** me your **faith** without **deeds**, and I will **show** you my **faith** by my **deeds**. You **believe** that there is one God. **Good!** Even the demons **believe** that—and shudder. You foolish **person**, do you want evidence that **faith** without **deeds** is useless? Was not our father **Abraham** **considered righteous** for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see that his **faith** and his actions were working together, and his **faith** was made complete by what he did. And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "**Abraham** believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness," and he was called God's friend. You see that a **person** is **considered righteous** by what they do and not by **faith** alone.