

Sermon on James 2:14-26

Title: The Possibility of Resilient Faith

Series: Resilient

- James 1:2-4
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1. Warning: Fruitless Faith Produces False Security

James 2:14

James 2:13

James 2:15-17

James 2:18-19

James anticipates someone saying: "SOME people have faith but OTHER people have works."

James 2:18

James 2:19

2. Witness: Genuine Faith Reveals Itself In Action

James 2:20 Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless?

Useless = idle, lazy.

James 1:25

How can I know that my faith isn't lazy, idle, useless?

James gives us two brilliant illustrations: Abraham and Rahab.

A. Genuine Faith Actively Obeys In The Face Of Trial

James 2:21-23

B. Genuine Faith Is Actively Merciful

James 2:25-26

Joshua 2:1-3

Joshua 2:8-13

"These good works, done in obedience to God's commandments, are the fruits and evidences of a true and lively faith: and by them believers manifest their thankfulness, strengthen their assurance, edify their brethren, adorn the profession of the gospel, stop the mouths of the adversaries, and glorify God, whose

workmanship they are, created in Christ Jesus thereunto, that, having their fruit unto holiness, they may have the end, eternal life.”

- Westminster Confession of Faith 16:2

Hebrews 11:31