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SERMON TITLE

FAITH WITH A PULSE

SERIES

REAL FAITH COSTS

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KEY SCRIPTURE

James 2:14-26

SYNOPSIS

Your faith says it's alive — but does it have a pulse?

HIGHLIGHTS





BIG IDEA

Claiming faith and having faith aren't the same thing. Real faith always shows up somewhere.

"What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them?" (James 2:14)

Notes:

WORDS WITH NO WEIGHT

A blessing that costs you nothing helps no one. Saving faith doesn't stay alone.

"Your faith should not remain alone — all words and no action."

"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?... faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead." (James 2:16-17)

Notes:

THE QUIZ

Right answers aren't a pulse check. Even demons believe correctly — and it does them no good at all.

"Head knowledge, dead on arrival."

"You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that — and shudder." (James 2:19)

Notes:

PROVEN, NOT CREATED

Abraham's faith wasn't built at the altar — it was proven there. Real faith doesn't stay invisible, in a patriarch or a prostitute.

"Grace gets you in. Works are what grace was always headed toward."

"You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did." (James 2:22)

Notes:



NO PULSE

James builds an eleven-verse case against us — the gold ring, the evil thoughts, the broken chain — and then hands us mercy instead of the verdict we deserved.

A body without spirit isn't a weaker body — it's a corpse. Faith without action is the same.

"Not small faith. Not incomplete faith. A corpse."

"As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead." (James 2:26)

Notes:

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Where has your faith gone quiet? Not to shame you — to wake you up. Do something about what you find this week.

"Faith with a pulse doesn't stay still."

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