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THREE DAYS PRAYER MEETING

HOW TO AVOID HAVING A DEAD FAITH?

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Text: James 2:14

[14]What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him?

Disconnected faith:

James 2:15-17

**[15]If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food,
[16] and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit?**

[17] Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. If you can imagine such a terrible scenario with a meaningless sentiment that does nothing to help the person in need, then you can understand a crucial element of Christian faith.

A saving faith is an active faith. It is not the faith that ignore responsibility and replace it with a form of intellect or private prayer. It is lived out in the form of works.

A saving faith is not disconnected from the rest of the world but actively engages it and impacts the world positively.

If there are no works, your faith is dead. Definitionally, a dead faith cannot give you spiritual life. If we were dead in our trespass and sin and made alive in Christ and it is also true that we have been saved by grace through faith, then our faith has to be a

living faith.

Therefore, part of our assurance is recognizing what dead faith looks like and avoiding putting our confidence in that type of faith.

So, the first example of a dead faith is a disconnected faith. The second is a demon's faith.

Demon's Faith:

James 2:18-19

[18] But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

[19] You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble!

[20] But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?

To avoid having this type of dead faith be friendly with both believers and the unbelievers and don't see anyone as evil.

Demonstrated Faith: (vv. 20-25)

James 2:21-25

[21] Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar?

[22] Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect?

[23] And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." And he was called the friend of God.

[24] You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.

[25] Likewise, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out another way?

In the midst of trials many people wonder if they have enough faith or feel their faith is failing.

Our world seems designed to undermine faith and to promote doubt. Can your faith withstand this great attack?

Yes, it can if it is a living faith.

The living faith can grow and be active in good times and bad times.

To avoid having the dead faith, you must demonstrate your living faith like father Abraham.

Abraham demonstrated his faith by taking his son Isaac for sacrifice and became source of financial and material blessings to the whole world.

Rahab the harlot also demonstrated her faith in the Lord, God of the Israel by protecting those who spy the city of Jericho and she become source of spiritual blessing the whole world. This is because Jesus Christ, the saviour of the world came through her lineage.

CONCLUSION:

Therefore brethren to avoid heaving dead faith, don't disconnect your responsibility from your faith, be friendly with people around you and show love.

Finally, demonstrate your living faith with your work because faith without work is dead.