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Faith Is A Verb! Understanding Faith As God Defines It - Part 1. (James 2:10-26)

1. A belief in God that does not produce a Godly life style or actions is not real faith.
 - Faith (pistis) – a conviction that something is true and a fidelity to it.
 - Deed (ergon) – an action, occupation, or way of life.

James tells us that a conviction without fidelity to the conviction is of no value (14), is a false claim (14), cannot save you (14), is dead (17, 26), is useless (20), and is incomplete (22).

"What good is it, my brothers if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him?" (14)

"In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action is dead...As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead." (17, 26)

"You foolish man, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless?" (20)

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