

**Series: DOERS**

**Title: Life Breath of Faith**

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1. Read James 2:14-26, Galatians 2:10
2. If you were in one of James' congregations what real life problems were you facing?
3. What solution does James call for to solve those problems and why is it so theologically controversial?
4. Read Romans 3:28, 4:2-3, and James 2:24 and describe the Faith/Works tension between Paul and James.
5. How does knowing who Paul and James were writing to help iron out the tension? What were the Romans needing to hear about faith and what were Jewish believers needing to understand?
6. How would you respond to someone who tells you?  
"Faith is a completely private matter between a person and God?" Or,  
"Saying the right words to God is what faith is all about."
7. How do Abraham and Rahab illustrate how we marry faith with works?
8. What was your favorite illustration from this message? Are you more like Bob's dad or his uncle, or neither?
9. If you only had James 1 & 2 to supply answers, what would you counsel someone who has a dead faith?
10. BTW, how would that help a "dead" marriage become dynamic again?

*"Christians don't simply learn or study or use Scripture; we assimilate it, take it into our lives in such a way that it gets metabolized into acts of love, cups of cold water, missions into all the world, healing and evangelism and justice in Jesus' name, hands raised in adoration of the Father, feet washed in company with the Son."*

*- Eugene Peterson*