

TITLE: Faith...With Receipts!

TEXT: James 2:14-19

TARGET: How you live is what you believe. Everything else is just talk.

POINT 1: Dead faith knows how to LOOK ALIVE

- **Dead faith can TALK:** Vs.14–17
 - **Matthew 7:21:** *“Not everyone who calls out to me, ‘Lord! Lord!’ will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter.”*
 - **Isaiah 29:13:** *“The Lord says: “These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.”*
- **Dead faith can be RIGHT:** Vs.19
 - **Mark 1:23-24:** *“... a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, 24 “What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? ... I know who you are the Holy One of God!”*
- **Dead faith can FEEL:** Vs.19b
 - **James 2:19:** *“demons believe and shudder “*
 - **Acts 24:24-25:** *“Several days later Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who was Jewish. He sent for Paul and listened to him as he spoke about faith in Christ Jesus. 25 As Paul talked about righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid and said, “That’s enough for now! You may leave. When I find it convenient, I will send for you.”*

Revelation 3:1: *“I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead.”*

POINT 2: Living faith has a PULSE

- **Evidence #1:** You have a PULSE for GOD
 - **Deuteronomy 6:5:** *“Love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your strength”*
 - **John 14:15:** *“If you love me, keep my commands.”*
- **Evidence #2:** You have a PULSE for OTHERS
 - **Matthew 22:37-39:** *“Love God with all your heart...and love your neighbor as yourself.”*
 - **1 John 4:20:** *“Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar”*
 - **Luke 10:30–37**
 - **Matthew 25:35-40**
 - **1 John 3:17:** *“If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion—how can God’s love be in that person?”*

Living faith: SEES people differently, MEETS real needs, SERVES sacrificially

RESPONSE: Examine yourself

- **2 Corinthians 13:5:** *“Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test?”*
- Do you just have faith? Or do you have faith... with receipts?

TAKEAWAY: Demons know. Demons believe. Demons shudder.... But demons do not surrender.