

LOOK ALIVE | James 2:14–19 | Three Signs of Life

Big question: Does my faith only *look* alive, or is it changing how I live?

1. WHO DOES IT HELP? — James 2:14–17

- James describes a hungry, poorly clothed person who receives kind words but no help.
- **You can do nothing wrong and still do nothing good.**
- Mercy doesn't purchase salvation, but living faith produces mercy.
- The love that reached **to** you should reach **through** you.

Discuss

- What's the difference between noticing a need and moving toward it?
- Who is someone in front of you that you could help this week? What would help actually look like?

2. WHERE DOES IT SHOW? — James 2:18

- James says, “**Show me your faith.**”
- Faith is personal, but it doesn't have to be invisible.
- God supplies the grace, but we have to own the obedience.
- **Let your decisions do the talking.**

Discuss

- Where is it easiest for your words about faith and your choices to disagree?
- What is one step of obedience you've been putting off?

3. WHOM DOES IT FOLLOW? — James 2:19

- Even the demons believe true things about God and shudder.
- **Recognition:** Knowing what is true about Jesus.
- **Reaction:** Feeling moved by what you hear.
- **Reliance:** Trusting Jesus enough to follow Him when the feeling fades.
- **A reaction isn't a relationship.**

Discuss

- When have you mistaken a spiritual feeling for a lasting change?
- What is harder for you right now: admitting where you're struggling or letting Jesus lead you through it?

THIS WEEK

- Meet a need you can meet.
- Take the step you've been delaying.
- Bring the struggle you've been hiding to Jesus and someone you trust.

Living faith isn't flawless faith. Take the next faithful step.