

IN OBEDIENCE
Faith That Works #2
February 15, 2026

IMPORTANT ASSUMPTIONS FOR FAITH THAT WORKS

- Faith comes from hearing the _____ of Christ.
(James 1:18; Rom. 10:17)
- Faith trusts the Bible as the _____ word of God.
(2 Timothy 3:16)

Big Idea: Authentic faith _____ God's word.

HOW TO HONOR THE BIBLE AS GOD'S LITERAL WORD

1. Read and hear it with a view to _____ it. (v. 19a)
2. Receive it with _____ not _____.
(v. 19b-21)
3. Respect it by _____ not just _____.
(v. 22-24)

EXAMPLES OF HOW AUTHENTIC FAITH ACTS

1. Taming your _____ . (v. 26)
2. Serving people _____ . (v. 27; 2:14-17)
3. Building community without _____ . (2:1-9)

DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday: What did Jesus say about how authentic faith acts? Read Matthew 7:15-23. Jesus said to be a Christian fruit inspector. What kind of fruit and what quality fruit is your faith producing? Where do your actions and lifestyle not line up with what you profess to believe?

Tuesday: James 1:22 says we should be “doers of the word not hearers only, deceiving ourselves.” What did Jesus say about it in Matthew 7:24-27? How have you seen obedience to God’s word prepare you for and sustain you during the storms of life? Knowing and doing God’s word is the evidence of authentic, steadfast faith.

Wednesday: Read Genesis 22:1-18. One of the most challenging parts of parenting is entrusting the lives and future of our children to God. Watching them drive off alone for the first time is simultaneously exciting and terrifying. Watching them choose a profession or a mate is similar. Authentic faith surrenders your most treasured possessions to God, just as Abraham did Isaac. Reflect on a time when God asked you to surrender something or someone to Him. What did you do? How did it affect your faith?

Thursday: In James 2:1-10 what did James call “the royal law”? How does it make showing partiality a sin? Are there any people you see regularly that you don’t love as you love yourself? That’s a great way to identify and peel away partiality.

Friday: How often do you look in the mirror? Would it bother you to go to work, to school, to church or on a date without looking in a mirror to “fix your face and/or your hair”? How often do you begin your day without using the Bible as your spiritual mirror? Ouch! Looking at your face in a mirror is not why you have a mirror. It’s fixing the face in the mirror. You don’t have a Bible just to read it, but to “fix” what it reveals about your life.