

James 2:14-2

The Call to Deeper Faith

Faith limited to:

- Assent to the fact that God exists.
- Initial obedience to the gospel.
- Minimal attempt to serve God with “cafeteria style” obedience.

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Result of shallow faith:

- **Poor track record of enduring trials - 1:2-18.**
- **Weak commitment to moral purity - 1:19-27.**
- **Materialistic attitude about outsiders - 2:1-13.**
- **Inability to control their tongues - 3:1-12.**

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Result of shallow faith:

- Self-seeking attitude about one another - 3:13-4:3.
- More interest in getting ahead in world than getting ahead in Christianity - 4:4-5:20.

**Launch out into the
deep end of faith!**

Be doers, not just talkers - 1:22.

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Four “deep faith” arguments:

1

All talk and no do doesn't work in any other area of life - 2:14-17.

- Platitudes.
- Promises - Num. 30:2.
- Love - 1 John 3:18.

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Four “deep faith” arguments:

2

Faith limited to simple belief reaches you only to the level of demons - 2:19

- Felix’s fear - Acts 24:25.
- The danger of a hardened conscience - Acts 24:26.

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Four “deep faith” arguments:

3

Abraham and Rahab are examples of faith God wants to see in us - 2:21-25.

- Abraham - faith willing to **GIVE UP** whatever necessary to obey God - Heb. 11:17-19.
- Rahab - faith willing to **RECEIVE** whatever necessary to obey God - Josh. 2:9-11.

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Four “deep faith” arguments:

4

Faith without works is like a body without a spirit - 2:26.

- Dead! - 2:17, 20, 26.
- Encouragement to living faith - useful and profitable to kingdom work now and to salvation hereafter.

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God's call to the lost:

**Trust the gospel to the
saving of your soul.**

God's call to the saved:

**Ever-increasing trust to the
ever-growing development
of your faith.**

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