



Outline - Sunday, March 05, 2017

Sermon Title: “Does a Dead Faith Save Anyone?”

Scripture Reading: James 2:14-26

1. **An argument against a faith that does not care:** vs 14-17
 - a. The poor brother in need – 1 John 3:16-18
 - b. Mere pious words do not edify (You do it – or someone else)
 - c. Conclusion – your faith does not profit being dead – vs 17 (Nekra – corpse)

2. **A confession of faith is not a possession of a true saving faith:** vs 18-20
 - a. The damnable trap of a mere verbal faith – “Lord, Lord” Luke 6:46-48
 - b. The fruit of faith will always be seen – Matt 8:10/1 Thess 1:3
 - c. Do you know this about your faith – Or are you deceived? – James 1:22
Arge – (fruitless faith) “idle” – Matt 20:3 “not working/producing/productive/
Barren” – 2 Peter 1:8/John 15:1-5

3. **Faithful, Father Abraham – representing Faithful Father God:** vs 21-24/Rom 4:11
 - a. The faithful hear – Rom 10:17/Gen 12:1-4; 15:1, 5-6
 - b. The Faithful follow – obey – Heb 11:8-10
 - c. True faith *illustrates* the gospel – Gen 22:1, 7-8, 11-12 “conformity to Christ”
 - d. A mature faith will exalt God in Christ *practically* – Phil 1:19-25