



FAITH IN ACTION Series

James 2:14-26 - Two Legs Walking

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- “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.” (Ephesians 2:8-9).
- ‘We have been saved, we are being saved and we will be saved.’
- Salvation is a future expectation - Matt 24:13; Luke 18:8; Philippians 3:20; 1 Timothy 4:16; Hebrews 9:28

- 1. Each illustration ends with a summary statement of what James was trying to teach and emphasise (vs 17, 20, 24 and 26).
- Vs 17: So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.
- Vs 26: For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.
- 2. The first and last illustration have to do with our behaviour towards people - while the second and third have to do with our attitude towards God - where we have real relationship and obedience towards him.

“Faith and works should travel side by side, step answering to step, like the legs of men walking. First faith, and then works; and then faith again, and then works again – until they can distinguish which is the one and which is the other.”

(William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army).