



Part 1

INTRODUCTION: All mankind has faith and places it in various persons or objects, but the reality is that our faith is only as strong as its object. There is only one faith that saves and brings about the promises of God in our lives. This message helps us to examine ourselves to identify if we have this saving faith and calls us to live it out every day.

READ: James 2:14-26

DISCUSSION:

1. Have you ever bought something that was a counterfeit? What was it? How close was it to the real thing? How could you tell it wasn't authentic? / If not describe a situation you know of (friend, movie reference, advertisement, etc.)
2. Many people profess to have faith in Christ, but not all are truly believers. According to James, how can someone prove that their faith is real?
3. In your own words, describe how valuable faith is to the Christian life. According to Hebrews 11:6, what value does God place on it?
4. According to 2 Corinthians 13:5, why is important that we examine ourselves?
5. This message gave three tests to help examine ourselves. What are they? How does each reveal the truth of our faith?
6. What is the difference between dead faith, demonic faith, and dynamic faith?
7. Divide up as individuals or smaller groups and assign the follow passages to be read and studied: Hebrews 11:1-7, 8-16, 17-22, 23-29, 30-40 (a total of 5 passages). Have each group answer these questions then share with the large group.
 - Who demonstrated faith?
 - What obstacles did they face?
 - What did they do?
 - What was the result?
 - What does this teach you?
8. As a large group, discuss the previous illustrations. What did each illustration have in common? How does God want us to live out our faith today?

CLOSE: Where are you at today? Have you truly believed in Jesus to be your Lord and Savior? If so, are you living out your faith? I challenge you today, "Live It Out!"

READING LIST:

Monday: Matthew 7:15-23 / **Tuesday:** Matthew 7:24-29 / **Wednesday:** Hebrews 11:1-7 / **Thursday:** Hebrews 11:8-16 / **Friday:** Hebrews 11:17-22 / **Saturday:** Hebrews 11:23-29 / **Sunday:** Hebrews 11:30-40