



# Adulting

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*Expositional study on the book of James.*

*The #1 catalyst for spiritual growth is reading and reflecting on the Bible.  
Use these questions for personal study or as part of a community group experience.*

## INTRODUCTION

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James 2:14-26 elaborates on the themes of hearing and obeying covered earlier in the letter. This week the focus will be on the partnership of faith and action.

## QUESTIONS

1. As you listened to this week's message, what thoughts or questions immediately came to mind?
2. What challenge did John give this week? Jot down a couple of initial reflections or responses to that challenge.
3. Re-read James 2:14-26. Can you summarize the passage in two sentences? What's the main message?
4. Would you agree with the statement, "faith is something you do and not something you know"? Why do you agree or disagree?
5. What is meant by the word "works"? How are these related to one's relationship with God? (cf. John 14:15)
6. What example does James cite to show the futility of faith without works (vv. 15-16, 19)?

Do you think James proves his point by the examples he gives? Why or why not?

7. James never says that works without faith can save. What does this imply about faith?
  
8. What happens to faith when works do not accompany it?

What effects does that have on your relationship with God? Or, on your understanding of your own faith?

9. How have you seen faith and works go hand-and-hand in your life?
  
10. Which do you feel you have a better understanding or grasp on, faith or works?
  
11. In what ways do you need to bring your actions more in line with your beliefs?
  
12. For personal reflection, would you consider your faith more alive than dead? What are the vital signs of your faith?

### **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

God, you desire trust and faith in you that is alive and active. Thank you for calling me into a deep relationship that has impact on who I am and how I relate with others. In this letter, I am reminded that this relationship can be either living or dead. Help me to pursue a living relationship with you that reflects my decision to follow you. May my faith be active, strengthening and completing my profession of faith in you. Grant me the confidence and determination to bring my actions and attitudes into alignment with your word. In Jesus name I pray, amen.