

Faith and Works

James 2:14-26

Narrated Drama - script by Sandy Galea.

Main Point - Faith in Jesus always produces good works.

Need:

- Narrator
- Man: if possible, wear a T shirt that says 'I love Jesus' on the front
- Person 1 (can be played by a child)
- Person 2 (can be played by a child)
- Person 3 (can be played by a child)
- Props: winter coat, two doughnuts, pile of chairs

Script

In James chapter 2 it says, faith without deeds is dead.

You can't have faith in Jesus and not do good things to others.

The two go hand in hand.

It's a bit like this...

Suppose there was a man.

A man like this.

A man who says he loves the Lord Jesus.

When the man saw someone who was cold, he'd stop and say,

"It's very cold today.

I hope you get warm."

But he wouldn't offer them his coat.

And when the man saw

Actions

Enter man.

Narrator indicates man.

Man points to his shirt.

Enter person 1 shivering.

Man repeats.

Man repeats.

Man hugs his coat tight around him.

Person 1 exits shivering.

Enter person 2 licking his/her

someone who looked hungry,
he'd say,

"You look as if you could do with
a decent meal.

Let me pray for you.

Dear Lord, please give this
person food. Amen"

But he would not offer them his
doughnut.

And when the man saw
someone who needed his help,
he'd say,

"Are you setting out the chairs
all by yourself?

I must let other people know you
need help."

But he would not stop to help.

The man says he has put his
faith in Jesus, but his faith is
dead.

He doesn't live what he says he
believes.

But a man who lives it out is
different.

It's a bit like this...

Suppose there was a man.

A man like this.

A man who says he loves the
Lord Jesus.

When the man saw someone
who was cold, he'd stop and

lips, rubbing his/her stomach.

Man repeats.

Man repeats.

Man pulls out a doughnut and
begins to eat, repeats with a
mouth full of food.

Man stuffs remainder of
doughnut in his mouth.

Person 2 exits looking longingly
at the doughnut.

Enter person 3 and begins
setting out chairs.

Man repeats.

Man repeats, looking side to
side for someone to help.

Person 3 exits exhausted.
Man exits.

Enter man.

Narrator indicates man.

Man points to his shirt.

Enter person 1 shivering.

say,

"It's very cold today.

I hope you get warm."

Then he would offer them his coat.

And when the man saw someone who looked hungry, he'd say,

"You look as if you could do with a decent meal.

I hope you get something to eat soon."

And he would offer them his doughnut.

And when the man saw someone who needed his help, he'd say,

"You look as if you could do with a hand.

I hope someone helps you."

And he would stop and help.

This man's faith is real.

He lives what he says he believes.

(Narrator moves to centre stage and addresses the audience)

If a person puts their faith in Jesus, it will mean that things

Man repeats.

Man repeats.

Man takes off his coat and hands it to Person 1.

Person 1 accepts it gratefully, exits wearing the coat.

Enter person 2 licking his/her lips, rubbing his/her stomach.

Man repeats.

Man repeats.

Man pulls out a doughnut and offers it to Person 2.

Person 2 accepts it gratefully, exits eating the doughnut.

Enter a person 3 carrying a large pile of empty boxes.

Man repeats.

Man repeats.

Man offers to help carry some boxes.

Person 3 hands over some boxes and both exit.

change.

They will begin to do good things to others around them.

Why?

Because faith in Jesus will mean that they grow to be more like Jesus.

And Jesus only ever did good things.

Faith and good deeds go hand in hand.

You can't say you love Jesus and not love those around you.