# A Litmus Test for True Faith
## James 2:14-27, November 25th, 2018

1.) Talk is cheap. There can be a huge difference between what you _____ you are and what you _____ are. James contrasts empty words with a meaningful life. James identifies and condemns false _____.

2.) The Apostle John calls for _____ in action.

3.) The Apostle James calls for _____ in action.

4.) V:17 It is not faith and works that saves a man. It is not faith or works. It is faith that works... If your faith is real, it will show itself. How? By _____ the Word of God and following the leading of the Lord... You know you're truly born again when you find yourself obeying God. We're not saved by obedience. But our obedience _____ we're saved, for true faith works. (Courson)

5.) Real faith, like real love, is seen in _____.

6.) Charles Spurgeon is reported to have said: "The grace that does not change my life will not _____ ____ _____."

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## Growth Group Discussion Questions

(Complete at home on separate sheet of paper if needed)

1.) Have you ever known someone who claimed to be a Christian, but you doubted it? Why did you doubt it?

2.) Have you ever doubted your own salvation? How did you work through it? How did you resolve your doubts?

3.) Read today's text (James 2:14-26) What is the theme of this text? What is the main point? What do you consider the key verse? Why?

4.) What are the most life challenging truths taught in this text?

5.) Are you confident that your faith is real? How do you know for sure? Read and discuss the proper application to the following scriptures – 2Corinthians 13:5; James 2:18; Luke 6:27-38; 1John 3:10. 1John 3:19-23.

6.) Is there anything in today's text that troubles or confuses you? Discuss.