

PROGRESS WEEK 06

WEEKLY READING JAMES 4:1-13

SHORT SUMMARY

In this sermon on James 2:14-26, the message emphasizes that true faith is demonstrated through good works. James argues that faith without action is dead, using examples like Abraham and Rahab to illustrate how genuine belief manifests in our choices and behaviors. In this devotional, we will consider what “good works” look like in today’s world, emphasizing obedience, resilience, and proactive actions. Ultimately, while good works cannot earn salvation, they serve as vital evidence of a living faith.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
Thank You for the gift of faith and the call to express it through our actions. Help us to embody the good works You set before us, reflecting Your love and grace in our lives. May our faith come alive through obedience, grit, and meaningful actions that serve others. Empower us to be agents of change in a world that desperately needs Your light. Amen.

KEY SCRIPTURE — JAMES 2:2:14-26 NLT

What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don’t show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone? Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, and you say, “Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well” - but then you don’t give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do? So, you see, faith by itself isn’t enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless. Now someone may argue, “Some people have faith; others have good deeds.” But I say, “How can you show me your faith if you don’t have good deeds? I will show you my faith BY my good deeds.” You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror. How foolish! Can’t you see that faith without good deeds is useless? Don’t you remember that our ancestor Abraham was shown to be right with God by his actions when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see, his faith and his actions worked together. His actions made his faith complete. And so it happened just as the Scriptures say: “Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith.” He was even called the friend of God. So you see, we are shown to be right with God by what we do, not by faith alone. Rahab the prostitute is another example. She was shown to be right with God by her actions when she hid those messengers and sent them safely away by a different road. Just as the body is dead without breath, so also faith is dead without good works.

DAY
MONDAY

TIME/DATE

SCRIPTURE

S-SCRIPTURE / *WRITE SOAP PASSAGE*

O-OBSERVATION / *WRITE 3-4 OBSERVATIONS*

A-APPLICATION / *WRITE 1-2 APPLICATIONS*

P-PRAYER / *WRITE A PRAYER FROM WHAT YOU LEARNT*

DAY
TUESDAY

TIME/DATE

SCRIPTURE

S-SCRIPTURE / *WRITE SOAP PASSAGE*

O-OBSERVATION / *WRITE 3-4 OBSERVATIONS*

A-APPLICATION / *WRITE 1-2 APPLICATIONS*

P-PRAYER / *WRITE A PRAYER FROM WHAT YOU LEARNT*

DAY
WEDNESDAY

TIME/DATE

SCRIPTURE

S-SCRIPTURE / *WRITE SOAP PASSAGE*

O-OBSERVATION / *WRITE 3-4 OBSERVATIONS*

A-APPLICATION / *WRITE 1-2 APPLICATIONS*

P-PRAYER / *WRITE A PRAYER FROM WHAT YOU LEARNT*

DAY
THURSDAY

TIME/DATE

SCRIPTURE

S-SCRIPTURE / *WRITE SOAP PASSAGE*

O-OBSERVATION / *WRITE 3-4 OBSERVATIONS*

A-APPLICATION / *WRITE 1-2 APPLICATIONS*

P-PRAYER / *WRITE A PRAYER FROM WHAT YOU LEARNED*

DAY
FRIDAY

TIME/DATE

SCRIPTURE

S-SCRIPTURE / *WRITE SOAP PASSAGE*

O-OBSERVATION / *WRITE 3-4 OBSERVATIONS*

A-APPLICATION / *WRITE 1-2 APPLICATIONS*

P-PRAYER / *WRITE A PRAYER FROM WHAT YOU LEARNED*

DAY
SATURDAY

TIME/DATE

SCRIPTURE

S-SCRIPTURE / *WRITE SOAP PASSAGE*

O-OBSERVATION / *WRITE 3-4 OBSERVATIONS*

A-APPLICATION / *WRITE 1-2 APPLICATIONS*

P-PRAYER / *WRITE A PRAYER FROM WHAT YOU LEARNED*
