

A Dynamic Faith:

- A dynamic faith stands out.
- A dynamic faith **steps** out.
- A dynamic faith <u>speaks</u> out.
- A dynamic faith works out.

As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead. James 2:26

• God's purpose for us is to have a growing faith in us.

Faith is:

- Faith is putting our <u>confidence</u> in God though we don't see him or understand his ways. Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. Hebrews 11:1(NIV)
- Faith is acting in a way that shows my confidence in God.

Dear brothers and sisters, what's the use of saying you have faith if you don't prove it by your actions? That kind of faith can't save anyone! James 2:14

Different forms of faith:

Some have a faith in God that is dead.

A dead faith is a belief in God with no action.

So then, as the body without the spirit is dead, also <u>faith without actions is dead</u>. James 2:26 (GNT) So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless. James 2:17 (NLT)

It's Lip service without lifestyle.

Some have a faith in God that is deceived.

A deceived faith is a belief in God without trust in God.

You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that--and shudder. James 2:19

A deceived faith has a Knowledge about God with no change from God.

Deceived faith has an Awareness of Jesus with no love for Jesus.

Some have a faith that is dynamic.

Isn't it obvious that faith and works are yoked partners, that faith expresses itself in works? That the works are "works of faith"? The full meaning of "believe" in the Scripture sentence, "Abraham believed God and was set right with God," includes his action. It's that weave of believing and acting that got Abraham named "God's friend." Is it not evident that a person is made right with God not by a barren faith (or a dead faith) but by faith fruitful in works? James 2:22-24 (MSG)

A Dynamic faith seeks to know God.

And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him. Hebrews 11:6 (NLT)

Choices we make for a Dynamic faith:

• We choose to live with **love** and **gratitude** for Jesus.

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20 (NIV)

• We choose to not take God **for granted.**

God made my life complete when I placed all the pieces before him. When I got my act together, he gave me a fresh start. Now I'm alert to God's ways; I don't take God for granted. Every day I review the ways he works; I try not to miss a trick. I feel put back together, and I'm watching my step. God rewrote the text of my life when I opened the book of my heart to his eyes. Psalms 18:20-24 (MSG)

We choose to trust God when we don't understand.

"Take your son, your only son—yes, Isaac, whom you love so much—and go to the land of Moriah. Go and sacrifice him as a burnt offering on one of the mountains, which I will show you." Genesis 22:2 Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him. Job 13:15

•We choose to **obey** God when we don't feel like it.

What is more pleasing to the Lord: your burnt offerings and sacrifices or your obedience to his voice? Listen! Obedience is better than sacrifice... 1 Samuel 15:22

Application Steps:

- Decide Now to choose a dynamic faith!
- Dig deep to develop a dynamic faith.

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by God's Word. Romans 10:17

And remember, it is a message to obey, not just to listen to. If you don't obey, you are only fooling yourself. For if you just listen and don't obey, it is like looking at your face in a mirror but doing nothing to improve your appearance. James 1:22–23 (MSG)

Do something with God.



TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

Questions that can be used in Connection Groups: These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain why?
- Why do you believe that it is important to have a dynamic faith in our lives?
- How does faith allow us to be a light in a dark world?
- When you think of someone with dynamic faith, what are the qualities that stand out to you?
- What does it mean to you to "act in a way that shows my confidence in God"?
- Do you believe that you are capable of having a dynamic faith?
- Talk through the points under the sub-heading "Different forms of Faith".
- How does choosing to live with love and gratitude form a dynamic faith in us?
- Can you think of other choices we can make to help us live with a dynamic faith?
- How does taking God for granted undermine our faith?
- Have you ever had to trust God when you didn't understand what He was doing?
- · How does obeying God when we don't feel like it develop a dynamic faith in us?
- What are some ways we can "dig deeper" to develop a dynamic faith?
- Is there something you have been afraid to do, that you need to do, that would increase your faith?

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