

JAMES 2:14-26

“Can such faith save him?”

## **(19) STUBBORN FAITH**

**\*Demons have enough faith to believe something they cannot deny “one God!”**

Their CREED is correct, but their  
CONDUCT is crazy.

\*Head vs. Heart

\*Information vs. Transformation

Belief **about** God is not saving faith,  
because such belief cannot cause you  
to trust **in** God or submit **to** God.

**Saving** faith produces **PASSION**  
[information > conviction]

## *(15-16)* **SELFISH FAITH**

\*In my presence... someone is hurting,  
hungry, or helpless  
“a need”

Considering only my own comfort,  
security, fear, or limitations, I express  
goodwill, but do nothing.



My MOTIVE is warm, but my  
MOTIVATION is weak.

\*Liberty vs. Love

\*Observation vs. Obligation

Selfish faith is focused/based on what God would do to me, rather than through me.

**Saving** faith produces

**COMPASSION** [information > action]

- God offers to forgive sin and give me his [eternal] life GRACE
- I am saved when I believe, trust, and therefore accept God's offer FAITH
- Transaction > inevitably produces a change of conduct DEEDS
- Transaction > inevitably generates a change of priorities ATTITUDE

Abraham > **COMPLIANCE** *“I will do whatever God tells me.”*

Rahab > **COMMITMENT** *“I will honor  
God even when it is dangerous.”*