

## Growing through James ...

Faith and Actions is a 10 week sermon series that hopefully will reveal to each of us how God is calling us to live each day. The video's, the sermons, and the weekly inserts are all available at our website, <https://stpaulsalive.org>.

**Do you think 30 minutes in the Bible is worth your time?**

Join us Tuesday mornings or evenings for our **TUNE UP BIBLE STUDY**



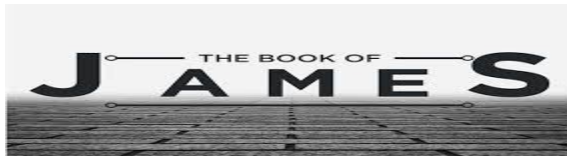
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# FAITH & ACTIONS

## WEEK 5

*It's a simple concept but  
are you taking it on in your life?*



I HEAR AMERICA SINGING ... Walt Whitman

I hear America singing, the varied carols I hear,  
Those of mechanics, each one singing his  
as it should be blithe and strong,  
The carpenter singing his as he measures his plank or beam,  
The mason singing his as he makes ready for work,  
or leaves off work,  
The boatman singing what belongs to him in his boat, the deck-  
hand singing on the steamboat deck,  
The shoemaker singing as he sits on his bench, the hatter singing  
as he stands,  
The woodcutter's song, the ploughboy's on his way in the morn-  
ing, or at noon intermission or at sundown,  
The delicious singing of the mother, or of the young wife at work,  
or of the girl sewing or washing,  
Each singing what belongs to him or her and to none else,  
The day what belongs to the day—at night the party of young  
fellows, robust, friendly,  
Singing with open mouths their strong melodious songs.

The verse that for centuries has disturbed church attenders and people who want to be associated with Jesus Christ is James chapter 2 verse 18; this is from THE MESSAGE translation, "Not so fast. You can no more show me your works apart from faith than I can show you my faith apart from my words. Faith and works, works and faith, fit together hand in glove." And, from verse 26, "Separate faith and works and you get a corpse."

## *Questions ...*

1. So, think about your life before today. How many "jobs" have you taken on for your faith walk? We hear in today's reading from Acts that people of faith are to make disciples so would you need one sheet of paper or a notebook?
2. What is the primary reason that you push off connecting faith and works in your life? If living for Jesus was your job and you didn't show up to work what would happen? Lose pay or get fired?
3. Write down 10 benefits that you believe could happen in the world if every person who is in church throughout the world on this Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, like you are throughout devoted 3 active hours this week to a faith project or being active in their faith life so that others could see or hear them?
4. What are the talents and abilities that you have on your "resume" that could be your way of energizing your works for God and Christ in association with your faith?