

# *How to Have Real Faith*

*A Study on the Book of James*

James 2:14-26

## **FACING THE CONTROVERSY**

*Who is Right - James or Paul?*

## **WHAT IS REAL FAITH?**

*5 Ways to Know if You Have Real Faith*

### **❶ IT'S NOT JUST SOMETHING YOU SAY.**

(James 2:14)

### **❷ IT'S NOT JUST SOMETHING YOU FEEL.**

(James 2:15-17)

### **❸ IT'S NOT JUST SOMETHING YOU THINK.**

(James 2:18)

### **❹ IT'S NOT JUST SOMETHING YOU BELIEVE.**

(James 2:19)

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