## A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study Date: July 12, 2023 James 2:14-26

- 1. What questions does James ask rhetorically, in verse 14?
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. How does James answer these questions?
  - a. He doesn't. We should just answer them how we think they should be answered or by what we've heard people say before.
  - b. In verse 16, James uses logic to show that good intentions are useless without actions to back them up.
  - c. In verse 18, James explains that it is impossible to show your faith without deeds. Instead, deeds are how our faith is displayed and are the natural outgrowth of true faith.
  - d. In verse 19, James uses logic again to describe a clear example of how belief is exhibited by beings that we know are not "saved" or "righteous" and therefore simple belief cannot be the same as saving faith.
  - e. In verses 20-23 and 25, James gives examples from Israel's history that show how people of faith were always affirmed (considered righteous) because of their "acts of faith" and not just their thoughts or words.

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- 3. How, then, according to verse 24, is a person judged and considered righteous?
  - a. By simply believing.
  - b. If they say they are a Christian.
  - c. By what they do.
- 4. What does verse 26 tell us about faith?
- 5. How do actions display faith? Give Examples.

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- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. How can actions (or lack of actions) show a lack of faith? Give Examples.
  - a.
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Do your actions display living/saving faith? \_\_\_\_\_