



SPECIAL REPORT

# COUNTERFEIT FAITH

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WEEK 1

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Note: We recommend that you watch the adult service and the JW Kids lesson this series.

This week we our WHOLE church, is starting a new Summer series called "Counterfeit Faith" Throughout the next 5 weeks we will be learning about the Book of James.

James is a book in the New Testament and James was written by a guy name James.

James wrote this book as a letter to remind Christians that their actions and deeds **authenticate\*** their faith.

**Read James 1: 22-25,  
James 2:14-17 and James 3:13.**  
Then fill in the blanks

Faith without works is \_\_\_\_\_.

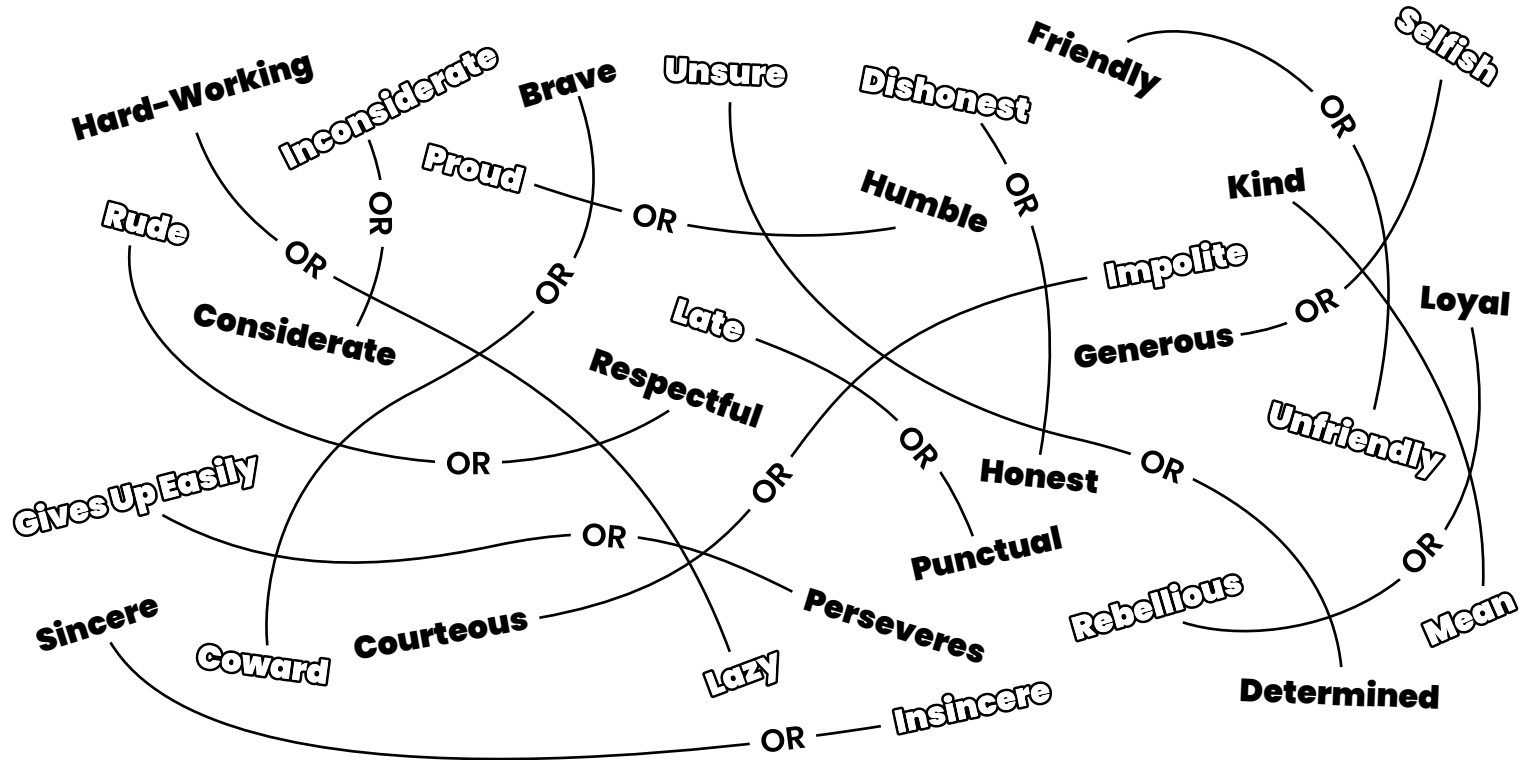
If anyone is a \_\_\_\_\_ of the word and not a \_\_\_\_\_, he is like a man looking at his own face in the mirror.

What good is it my brothers, if someone says he has \_\_\_\_\_ but does not have \_\_\_\_\_?

\* What does AUTHENTICATE mean? Check the next page to find out!

## What does Authenticate Mean?

It means to **“prove or show (something) to be true, genuine, or valid.”** When we are talking about being Authentic in the book of James it means to use your actions to show that your faith is real. Everything we do and say can show others that we love God or that we don't love God. Below are a list of characteristics you might find in a person with an **Authentic** or ~~Counterfeit~~ Faith. Circle the characteristics you find in yourself.



# Here are some ideas on how to show others your Authentic Faith:

This week let's see how many squares you can complete

Help someone with a job around the house without being asked.	Make a card for someone thanking them for all they do.	Give someone a hug when they really need it.	Write a letter to the Josh Stevens Foundation listing 5 kind things you've done.
Organize an afternoon of games for your friends or family.	Do a good deed for a neighbor.	Write a letter to your teacher.	Read a book to a younger child.
Make a thank you card for a community helper.	Hold the door open for people entering or exiting a shop or restaurant.	Go somewhere with your family and smile at everyone you see.	Clean out your bedroom and donate toys and clothes to a charity.
Make "Be Happy" notes and pass them out.	Let someone go ahead of you in line.	Make a bookmark for a friend.	Learn a joke and tell it to a clerk at a store or a server at a restaurant.

## ASK YOURSELF

What deeds or actions do you do that show others you love Jesus?

What deeds or actions do you do that might show your faith is counterfeit or fake?

What do you plan to do this week to show others that your faith is REAL?