



SPECIAL REPORT

# COUNTERFEIT FAITH

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WEEK 3

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

## Read James 2:18–22

This summer, our WHOLE church is doing a series called “**Counterfeit Faith**” where we are learning about the Book of James. Here are things we have been learning about the Book of James:

- 👉 It is a book in the New Testament
- 👉 James is the author
- 👉 James was written as a letter to Christians

The purpose is to remind the Christians that their actions and deeds **AUTHENTICATE** their faith.

**WOW!**

James is telling us that once you have put your faith in God, your life should look completely different than before. How you used to spend your time and talents and money before you began your relationship with God should look different. If they do not look any different, you are living a **COUNTERFEIT** faith.

**BUT...**

James also warns us that we need to balance doing things for God and spending time with God. We can't do anything for God until we have spent time with God.

Ms. Rachel sez...

THINK  
ABOUT  
IT!



# BE

AND

# DO

When we spend time with God it is sometimes called **BEING** with God. Ways we can **BE** with God are:

- Read your Bible
- Spend time in silence listening to God
- Praying
- Singing/Worshipping God
- Going for a hike
- Go to church
- Journal
- Bible Study
- Fasting
- Being in community with others that believe (church)

When we **DO** things for God it is sometimes called **DOING** for God. Things we can **DO** for God are:

- Volunteer in the community or at church
- Visit a nursing home
- Clean up trash in the parks
- Visit your elderly neighbor
- Donate money to a good cause
- Volunteer your time to a food pantry or salvation army
- Be friends with someone different than you



**Remember!**

It's not one or the other... it's BOTH!

## Jesus Did It Too!

Jesus spent a lot of His time **DOING** for God, but He also spent a lot of time **BEING** with God. Below are scripture references about Jesus practicing **BEING** and **DOING**. Draw a line and match them to what the scriptures are about.

**Luke 6:12**

**Fed over 5,000.** After dismissing the crowds, he went up to the Mountain by himself to pray

**Matthew 14:22-23**

**Before picking Apostles.**  
He went out to the mountains to pray and spent all night in prayer to God.

**John 11:6**

**Raises Lazarus from the dead.**  
When He heard he was sick, He stayed 2 more days in the place where He was.

## More Ways to Spend Time with Jesus

- Listen to Christian Music Daily
- Dance to Your Favorite Worship Songs
- Pray While Doing Chores You Need to Do.
- Memorize Scripture With Your Family
- Go for a Walk in God's Creation
- Put Bible Verses on Post-It Notes in Your House

## ASK YOURSELF

How can I do better at BEING with God? If so, How?

How can I do better DOING for God? If so, How?

How would one of my friends know I am a Christian?

## More Ways to Do for Jesus

- Go to a Nursing Home and Visit the Residents
- Offer to Help a New Mom (*Being a New Mom is Hard!*)
- Hold a Lemonade Stand and Donate the Profits
- Do Chores for an Elderly Neighbor
- Make Bathroom Kits for Homeless People at a Shelter
- Help a Younger Child With Their Homework