"FAITH WORKS!"*
Introduction to James

Can you imagine acquiring a new vacuum cleaner but never using it? When your mother says you need a vacuum cleaner, you say, "I've got one!" Is faith ever treated this way? Is it possible to possess faith without practicing faith?

I. THE AUTHOR: _____

II. THE AUDIENCE: _____

III. THE ARGUMENT: _____

A. The _____ of Faith is that Faith Works!

B. The _____ of Faith is that Faith Works!

C. The _____ of Faith is when Faith Works!

FAITH WORKS
WHEN WE PUT OUR FAITH TO WORK.

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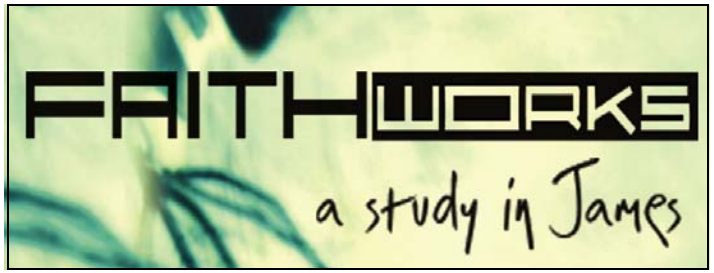

Use the following questions to reflect on lessons from the 2007 Goal Series, *Take the Walk.* Ponder these during your quiet times, or use them as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends or REALife Group.

1. There is strong evidence for believing that James is the Lord's brother (Galatians 1:19). In light of this, what strikes you as significant from what James says—and doesn't say—about himself (1:1)?

2. If a non-believing friend asked you if faith works, how might you interpret his/her question? How would you respond to people who consider faith as useful only if it brings about results they want?

3. Look ahead to James 1:22-25 and 2:14-26. The expectation of faith is the exercise of faith. How is your faith being exercised at this time in your life?

4. When faith is being exercised, it shows up in the choices we make, the words we speak, and the way we relate. How is faith being reflected in these three areas of your life right now?

5. Prayerfully read through the book of James five times this week and note key themes. Ask God to use our study of this book to nurture healthy, biblical faith in you and in our church family.

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I. THE AUTHOR

James, Brother to Jesus

II. THE AUDIENCE

Scattered Jews

III. THE ARGUMENT

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THE ARGUMENT FAITH WORKS!

A. The <u>RESULT</u> of Faith is that Faith Works!

Faith is Beneficial…

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“Furthermore, tell the people, This is what the LORD says: See, I am setting before you the way of life and the way of death.”

Jeremiah 21:8

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When Faith is Biblical.

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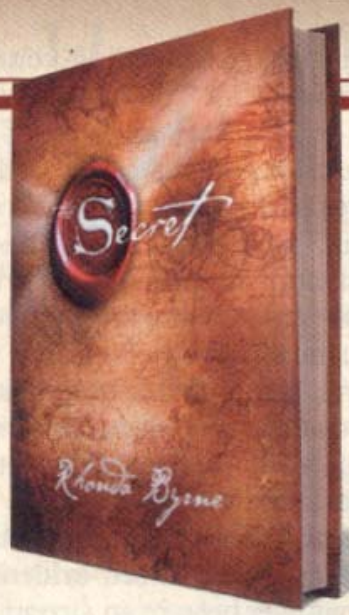
Oprah lives by it. Millions are reading it. The latest self-help sensation claims we can change our lives by thinking. But this 'new thought' may just be new marketing.



BY JERRY ADLER

IF YOU'RE A WOMAN TRYING TO LOSE WEIGHT, YOU HAD your choice of two pieces of advice last week. One, from the American Heart Association, was to eat more vegetables and exercise an hour a day. The other was from a woman named Rhonda Byrne, a former television producer who has written what could be the fastest-selling book of its kind in the history of publishing with 1.75 million copies projected to be in print by March 2, just over three months since it came out, plus 1.5 million DVDs sold. Byrne's recommendation was to avoid looking at fat people. Based on what she calls the "law of attraction"—that thoughts, good

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B. The <u>RESPONSIBILITY</u> of Faith is that Faith Works!

The Expectation of Faith...

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C. The <u>REFLECTION</u> of Faith is when Faith Works!

- *What Does Faith Look Like?*
- *What Does Faith Sound Like?*
- *What Does Faith Feel Like?*

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Faith Works When We Put Our Faith to Work.

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