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**A STUDY OF POLARITIES:
*FAITH // WORKS***

WEEK 1: FAITH // WORKS

The polarity of faith and works is one many people wrestle with. It's easy to lean to one side of this polarity to the detriment of the other. So, is it faith or works that should mark the Christian life? Yes. We need the best of both. **Let's explore the scripture and see what the Bible says about both sides of this polarity.**

DAY 1: FAITH

Faith can be described as a strong belief or complete trust in something. Biblically it is "confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see" (Hebrews 11:1). It means believing the right things and fully trusting the right person. Today we'll explore what the Bible says about faith.



ROMANS 4:1-25

- What do you think the author of this passage wants you to understand?
- What does it say about faith?
- What does it say about how you can be saved?
- How would you describe faith based on this passage?

Works are what we do because of our faith. When we truly believe something, we do something about it. Works are the good things we do for God in response to what he has done for us. Today we'll explore what the Bible has to say about works.



JAMES 2:14-26

- What does this passage say about works?
- What does it say about faith without works?
- What is the relationship between faith and works based on this passage?

DAY 2: WORKS

DAY 3: REFLECTION

Take time to reflect on what you've discovered from studying the different examples of faith and works.

1. How have you sought God's wisdom as you have explored balancing this polarity this week?
2. Who have you partnered with to explore this polarity? Who has helped you along the way?
3. How has your time exploring the scripture made you view the relationship between faith and works differently?
4. How do you need to obey these two passages and manage the tension of faith and works in your own life?