

**Hebrews 11:31** "By faith, the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient."

**\*\*James 2:26** "As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead."

## How can we apply this lesson to our life?

### **A. Have you trusted Jesus to be your Lord and Savior?**

**John 1:12** "Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God."

**I John 5:1** "Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God."

### **B. Has there been a change in your life since you trusted Jesus as your Lord and Savior?**

**Acts 16:33** "At the hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his family were baptized. The jailer brought them into this house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God – he and his household."

- **Do you have the assurance of God that you are a child of God?**

**Romans 8:9b** "... If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, He does not belong to Christ."

**Romans 8:16** "The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children."

- **Do you have a desire to read God's Word, learn it and to obey it?**

**Romans 8:5** "Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires."

**I John 2:29** "If you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of Him."

- **Do you have a love for Jesus and for God's people?**

**I John 3:14** "We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers. Anyone who does not love remains in death."

## **Faith Produces Works!**

**James 2:14-26**

**Lesson #5**

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**Philippians 1:6** "Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

**Philippians 2:13** "For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to His good purpose."

### **I. James describes what a false confession looks like.**

**\*\*James 2:14** "What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him?"

**I John 2:3** "We know that we have come to know Him if we obey His commands."

**I John 3:10** "This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are. Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother."

**\*\*James 2:14** "... Can such faith save him?"

### **II. James depicts what false compassion looks like.**

#### **A. He mentions some different needs of people.**

**\*\*James 2:15** "Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food."

**I John 3:17** "If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need, but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?"

#### **B. He presents the disregard some have for people in need.**

##### **1. Those with dead faith give lip service.**

**\*\*James 2:16** "If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it?"

##### **2. Those with dead faith don't lift a finger to help.**

**\*\*James 2:17** "In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."

**\*\*James 2:18** "But someone will say, "You have faith I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do."

## C. He reminds us that belief without works is dead.

**\*\*James 2:19** “You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that – and shudder.”

**Deuteronomy 6:4** “Hear O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one!”

**\*\*James 2:20** “You foolish man, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless?”

## III. James gives the details of what genuine saving faith looks like.

### A. Real faith is accompanied by deeds.

#### 1. Abraham was saved by faith and the proof was in his obedience.

**Genesis 15:6** “Abraham believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.”

**\*\*James 2:23** “And the scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness,” and he was called God’s friend.”

**Ephesians 2:8** “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.”

**Ephesians 2:9** “Not by works, so that no one can boast.”

**2 Corinthians 5:17** “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come.”

**\*\*James 2:21** “Was not our ancestor Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar?”

**Genesis 22:2** “Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about.”

#### • His faith was displayed early the next morning.

**Genesis 22:3** “Early the next morning Abraham got up and saddled his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. <sup>[4]</sup> So on the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance.”

#### • His faith was displayed by his speech.

**Genesis 22:5** “He said to his servants, “Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you.”

**Hebrews 11:19** “Abraham reasoned that God could raise the dead, and figuratively speaking, he did receive Isaac back from the death.”

#### • His faith was displayed by taking Isaac to Mount Moriah.

**Genesis 22:6** “Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together.”

#### • His faith was displayed by the way he answered Isaac.

**Genesis 22:7** “Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, “Father?” “Yes, my son?” Abraham replied. “The fire and wood are here,” Isaac said, “but where is the lamb for the burnt offering.”

**Genesis 22:8** “Abraham answered, “God Himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them went on together.”

#### • His faith was displayed by the way he responded at the altar.

**Genesis 22:9** “When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.”

**Genesis 22:10** “Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.”

**Genesis 22:11** “But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied.”

**Genesis 22:12** “Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.”

**\*\*James 2:21** “Was not our ancestor Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar?”

**Romans 5:1** “Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

**\*\*James 2:22** “You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did.”

**\*\*James 2:24** “You see that a person is justified by what he does and NOT by faith alone.”

#### 2. Rahab was saved by faith and the proof was in her obedience.

**\*\*James 2:25** “In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did, when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction?”