

## James 2:14–26

**<sup>14</sup> What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? <sup>15</sup> Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. <sup>16</sup> 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? <sup>17</sup> In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.**

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**<sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder. <sup>20</sup> You foolish man, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? <sup>21</sup> Was not our ancestor Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar?**

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**<sup>22</sup> You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. <sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> You see that a person is justified by what he does and not by faith alone.**

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**<sup>25</sup> 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? <sup>26</sup> As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.**

# THRIVE:

Faith and Fruit

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- **“I only need to ‘believe’ the correct facts.”**
- **“My belief in these facts doesn’t need to shape my life’s choices.”**
- **“Discipleship is an option for the future if I choose to upgrade.”**



# The Gospel Story . . .

- **CLARIFIES** our original identity and God's original purpose (Genesis 1:26-28).
- **CONFRONTS** my understanding of sin (Genesis 3:1-7).
- **CREATES** a new heart within me (Ezekiel 36:26-27).
- **COMPELS** me to a fruitful life (James 2:1-26; Titus 3:8).

