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James 1:1-6	trials & testings, growth & wisdom granted
James 1:19-26	listening & doing, slow to speak, quick to listen slow to anger
James 2:1-13	not showing favouritism / partiality / biases / prejudices

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Dear friends, do you think you'll get anywhere
in this if you learn all the right words but never
do anything? Does merely talking about faith
indicate that a person really has it?

— JAMES 2:14 MSG —

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Suppose a brother or a sister is without
clothes and daily food. If one of you
says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm
and well fed," but does nothing about
their physical needs, what good is it?

— JAMES 2:15-16 NIV —

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For instance, you come upon an old friend
dressed in rags and half-starved and say,
"Good morning, friend! Be clothed in Christ!
Be filled with the Holy Spirit!" and walk off
without providing so much as a coat or a cup
of soup—where does that get you? Isn't it
obvious that God-talk without God-acts is
outrageous nonsense?

— JAMES 2:15-17 MSG —

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GOD-TALK WITHOUT GOD-ACTS

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MEETING THEIR PHYSICAL
AND SOCIAL NEEDS

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<p>Matt and his colleagues are raising funds for the St Basils Walk Challenge 2018: Trekking 23+ miles across the Black Mountains on the England-Wales border.</p>	

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<p>birminghamcentral. foodbank.org.uk</p> 	<p>restore-uk.org</p> 	<p>bigissue.com</p> 

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But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder. You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless?

— JAMES 2:18-20 NIV —

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I can already hear one of you agreeing by saying, "Sounds good. You take care of the faith department, I'll handle the works department." Not so fast. You can no more show me your works apart from your faith than I can show you my faith apart from my works. Faith and works, works and faith, fit together hand in glove.

— JAMES 2:18-20 MSG —

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Do I hear you professing to believe in the one and only God, but then observe you complacently sitting back as if you had done something wonderful? That's just great. Demons do that, but what good does it do them? Use your heads! Do you suppose for a minute that you can cut faith and works in two and not end up with a corpse on your hands?"

— JAMES 2:18-20 MSG —

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Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

— JAMES 1:22 NIV —

Don't fool yourself into thinking you are a listener when you are anything but, letting the Word go in one ear and out the other. Act on what you hear!

— JAMES 1:22 MSG —

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1. deaf & don't understand
2. can hear, but chooses to ignore
3. hears, listens and obeys through action

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Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. 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. You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone.

— JAMES 2:21-24 NIV —

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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? As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.

JAMES 2:25-26 NIV

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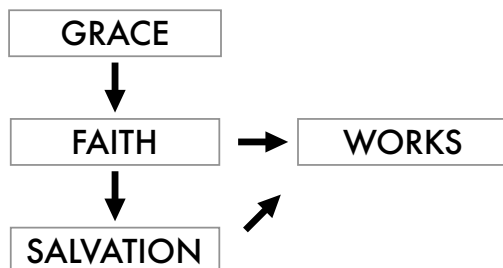
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EPHESIANS 2:8-9

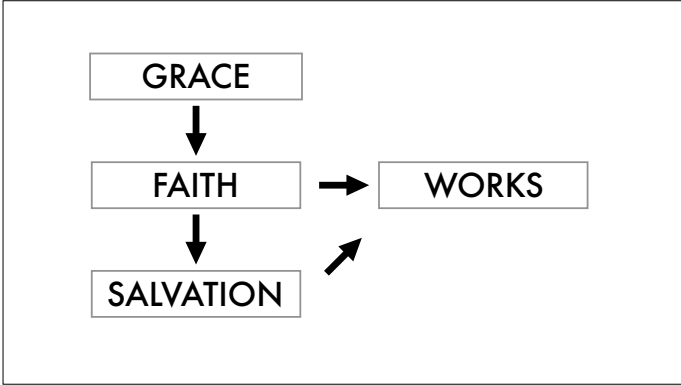
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~~WORKS ≠ SALVATION ≠ FAITH~~
~~GRACE~~

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EPHESIANS 2:8-10

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FAITH BUT NO WORKS	WORKS BUT NO FAITH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Since Jesus died for my sins: - I can do whatever I want - I don’t need to do anything - I can be a Christian and stay quiet - He’s done it all for me - I can keep living in sin - I don’t need to change 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I can only get to heaven if I work really hard - If I do everything perfectly - I’ll tell people about Christ if that’s the only way for my access to heaven - I need to do charity - I am loved on the condition of my works

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FROM ABRAHAM TO RAHAB

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YOU, ME, OUR CHURCH AND BEYOND

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WHAT CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE?

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This is what FAITH IN ACTION is not:

- Just singing worship songs
- Just posting up Christian stuff online
- Following God when you feel like it

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This is what FAITH IN ACTION is:

- Dying to yourself daily and following God, trusting in Him
- Choosing God first
- Set apart and different than the world
- Spending time with God
- Living out your faith, praying, worshipping and seeing where the need is and helping

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