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“What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? [15] If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, [16] and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? [17] So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

[18] But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. [19] You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! [20] Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? [21] Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? [22] You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; [23] and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of God. [24] You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. [25] And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? [26] For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.” - James 2:14-26

#1. Know Jesus:

What does Jesus want you know about Himself in this passage?

What does this passage reveal about the character of the Trinity?

#2. Love Jesus:

How do these truths about Jesus stir you to love, treasure and savor Jesus more?

#3. Live for Jesus:

What is Jesus telling you to do, believe or change?

What are you going to do about it?

Application Questions:

1. Have you declared your faith in, love for and dependence on Jesus' life, death and resurrection for your justification?
2. Do your works reflect someone who is clothed in Christ's righteousness?
3. In what specific ways is your faith active and being completed by your works (vs. 22)?
4. How does your faith compare to Abraham's living faith?
How have you given up what you love on earth in obedience to Jesus?
5. How does your faith compare to Rahab's living faith?
How and when have you taken radical risk out of love for Jesus?