SECTION 3

ALLIANCE MEN



LIVIN' THE WORD

MEN'S RETREAT


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LIVIN' THE WORD
PROVE IT.
HOLY BIBLE

JAMES | YAKAUNPAUS 2:14-17

14-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.

JAMES | YAKAUNPAUS 2:18-21

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?

JAMES | YAKAUNPAUS 2:22-26

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 2:18

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.

PROVE IT!

"DON'T JUST TELL PEOPLE WHAT YOU BELIEVE.
LET THEM SEE WHAT YOU BELIEVE."

GIVE GOD YOUR E.A.R.

MUAB KOJ LUB POB NTSEG RAU VAJTSWV

E ENGAGE
YOUR EARS

Tig Poj Ntseg Los Mloog



"Quick to hear."
— James 1:19

A ABANDON
WHAT CONTAMINATES

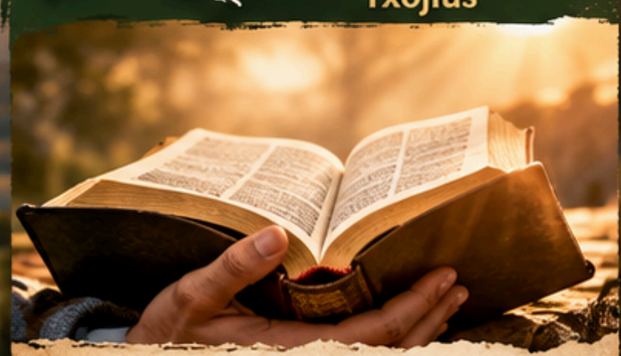
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"Put away all filthines…"
— James 1:21

R RECEIVE
THE WORD

Txais Yuav Vajtswv Txojlus



"Receive with meekness the implanted word…"
— James 1:21

A.C.T.

A — ACCEPT
what the Word reveals.

Txais Yuav yam uas Txojlus tau qhia



C — CHANGE
what needs to change.

Hloov yam uas yuav tsum tau hloov



T — TAKE ACTION
on what God says.

Ua Raws Li yam uas Vajtswv tau hais



M.A.N.

M

MAKE
your faith visible.

Ua kom lwm tus pom koj txoj kev ntseeg.



A

ACT
on what you believe.

Ua raws li koj txoj kev ntseeg.

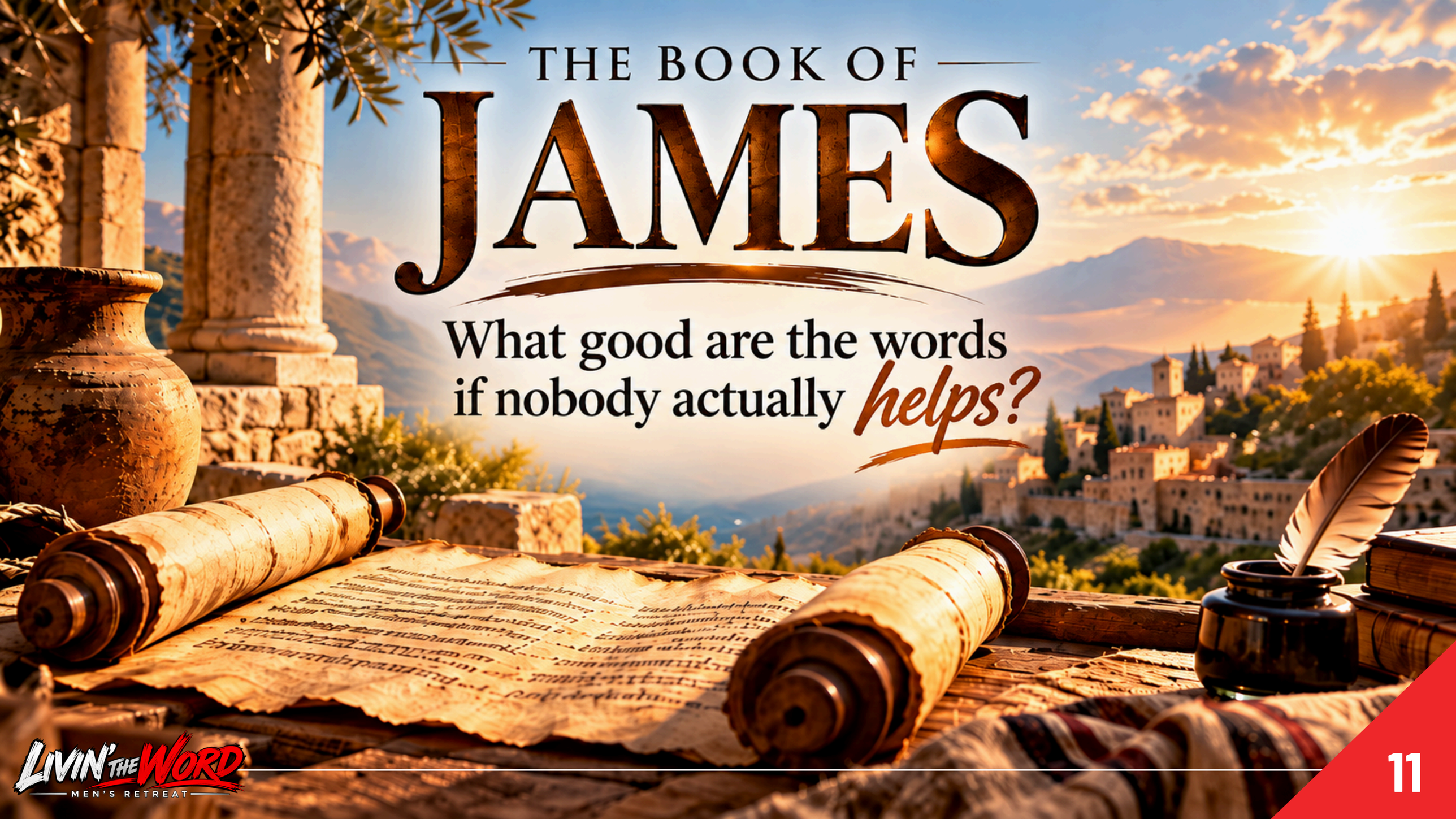


N

NEVER
settle for dead faith.

Txhob txaus siab rau txojkev ntseeg uas tuag lawm.




THE BOOK OF
JAMES
What good are the words
if nobody actually helps?

WHAT GOOD ARE THE WORDS IF NOBODY ACTUALLY HELPS?

JAMES | YAKAUNPAUS 2:14

“What good is it, my brothers, if someone **says** he has faith but does not have works?”

Cov kwvtij, yog muaj ib tug hais tias, nws muaj kev ntseeg tiamsis nws tsis ua rawsli qhov uas nws ntseeg ntawd, yuav muaj qabhau dabtsi?

>>>>> SAYS <<<<<

M — MAKE YOUR FAITH VISIBLE |

UA NEEJ QHIA KOJ TXOJ KEV NTSEEG

JAMES | YAKAUNPAUS 2:17

"So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead."

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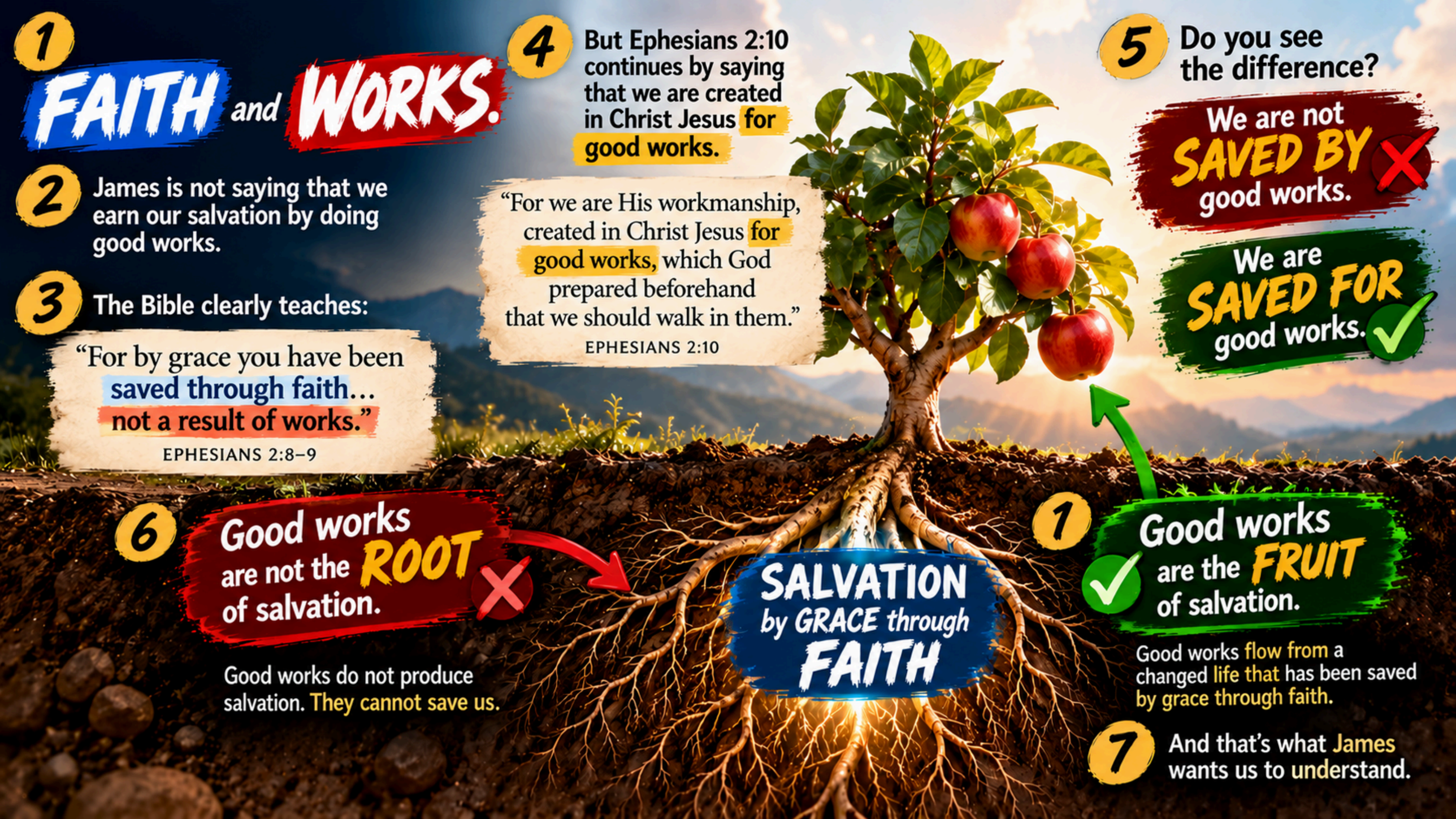
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JAMES | YAKAUNPAUS 2:18

"Show me your **faith** apart from your **works**, and I will show you my **faith** by my **works**."

*Koj sim qhia koj txoj **kev ntseeg** uas tsis **ua haujlwm** rau kuv seb zoo licas? Kuv mamli qhia kuv txoj **kev ntseeg** los ntawm kuv **tes haujlwm** rau koj.*


1
FAITH and WORKS.
2
James is not saying that we earn our salvation by doing good works.
3
The Bible clearly teaches:
"For by grace you have been saved through faith… not a result of works."
EPHESIANS 2:8–9
4
But Ephesians 2:10 continues by saying that we are created in Christ Jesus for good works.
"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."
EPHESIANS 2:10
5
Do you see the difference?
We are not SAVED BY good works.
We are SAVED FOR good works.
6
Good works are not the ROOT of salvation.
Good works do not produce salvation. They cannot save us.
SALVATION by GRACE through FAITH
1
Good works are the FRUIT of salvation.
Good works flow from a changed life that has been saved by grace through faith.
7
And that's what James wants us to understand.

M – MAKE YOUR FAITH VISIBLE |

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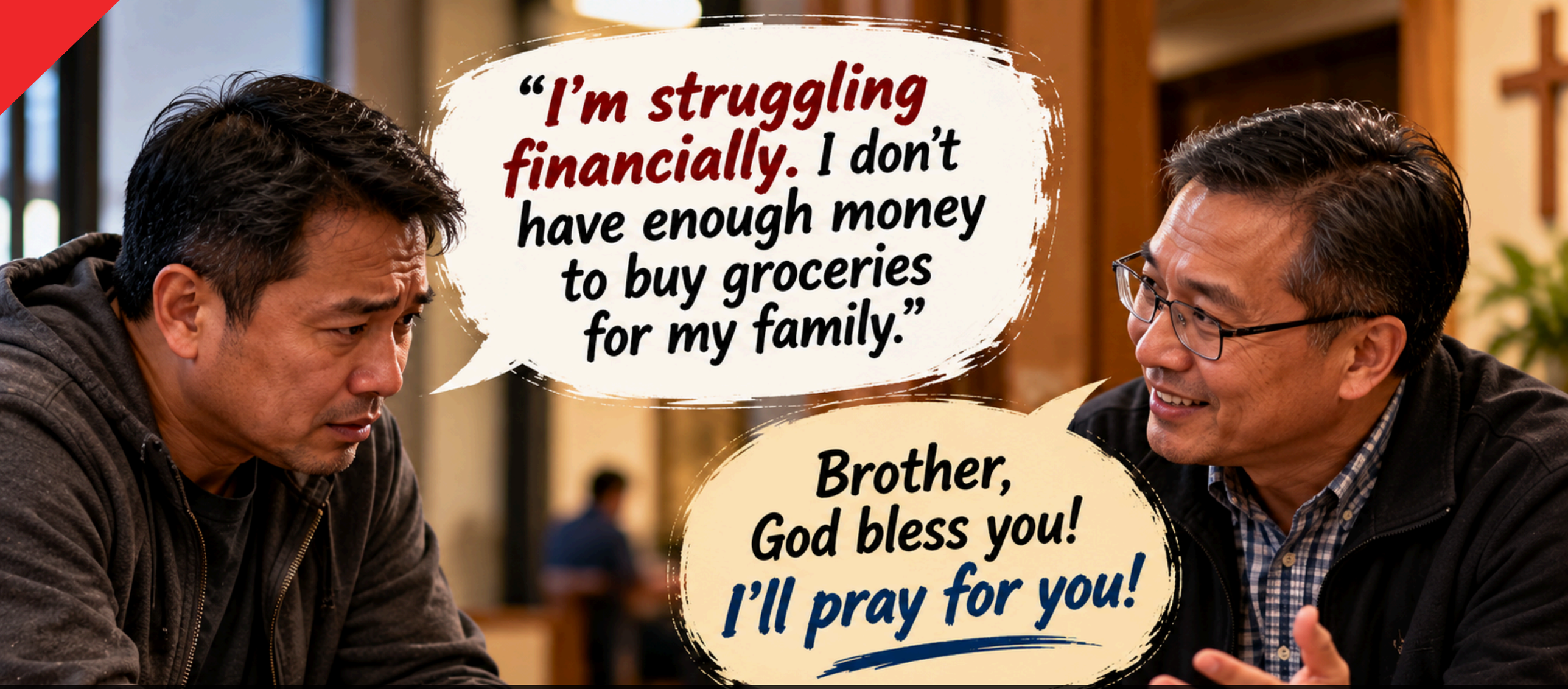
“WORKS”| *Tes Haujlwm*

*(The Greek word is **erga**.)*

It refers to:

- Deeds | *Cov haujlwm*
- Actions. | *Cov kev ua*
- Works. | *Cov haujlwm uas tau ua tiag tiag*
- Things a person actually does | *Tej yam uas tau ua tiag tiag*

“WHAT DOES YOUR LIFE REVEAL ABOUT WHAT YOU BELIEVE?”



FAITH MUST BE MORE THAN WORDS

M — MAKE YOUR FAITH VISIBLE

UA NEEJ QHIA KOJ TXOJ KEV NTSEEG

FAITH MUST BE VISIBLE WHEN NOBODY IS WATCHING

- Genuine faith produces a growing desire to honor Christ both publicly and privately.
- **Your faith should be visible even when your audience is only God.**

“WHO ARE YOU WHEN NOBODY IS WATCHING?”



- STILL ALIVE
- HAS LEAVES
- LOOKS HEALTHY FROM A DISTANCE

- HASN'T GROWN MUCH
- NO FRUIT

LIVIN' THE WORD
MEN'S RETREAT

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PROFESSED FAITH AND PRACTICED FAITH



PROFESSED FAITH

Talks the talk.

It's what we say we believe.

- "I believe in God."
- "I go to church."
- "I'm a Christian."
- "I pray."

But faith without action is incomplete.

— JAMES 2:17

PRACTICED FAITH

Shows the work.

It's what we do because we believe.

- Shows love in action.
- Serves others.
- Obeys God's Word.
- Produces good fruit.

Faith in action makes a difference.

— JAMES 2:26



REAL FAITH IS NOT JUST BELIEVED... IT IS LIVED.

A — ACT ON WHAT YOU BELIEVE |

UA RAWS LI KOJ TXOJ KEV NTSEEG

JAMES | YAKAUNPAUS 2:21

“Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar?”

Peb yawgkoob Anplahas ua licas es nws thiaj ua tau haum Vajtswv siab? Qhov uas nws ua yog nws muab nws tus tub Ixaj tso rau saum lub thaj thiab muab tua fij rau Vajtswv ntag.

A – ACT ON WHAT YOU BELIEVE |

UA RAWS LI KOJ TXOJ KEV NTSEEG

JAMES | YAKAUNPAUS 2:22a

"You see that faith was **active along with his works,**

*Koj tsis pom lov? Anplahas **txoj kev ntseeg thiab nws tes haujlwm mus uake ibtxig.***

SYNERGY

HIS FAITH AND HIS ACTIONS WERE NOT ENEMIES. THEY WORKED TOGETHER.

A – ACT ON WHAT YOU BELIEVE |

UA RAWS LI KOJ TXOJ KEV NTSEEG

JAMES | YAKAUNPAUS 2:22b

"...and faith was completed by his works."

...Nws tes haujlwm tau ua rau nws txoj kev ntseeg tiav.

"COMPLETED"| *ua tiav lawm*

*(The Greek word is **teleioo**.)*

- to bring to completion,
- accomplish,
- fulfill, or bring to its intended goal.

A — ACT ON WHAT YOU BELIEVE

UA RAWS LI KOJ TXOJ KEV NTSEEG

His works did not create his faith.
They brought his faith into visible expression.

Faith is revealed not just by what we believe,
but by how we respond to what God commands.

CAN PEOPLE SEE YOUR FAITH?

N — NEVER SETTLE FOR DEAD FAITH |

TXHOB TXAUS SIAB RAU TXOJKEV NTSEEG UAS TUAG LAWM.

JAMES | YAKAUNPAUS 2:26

"For as the body apart from the spirit is **dead,** so also faith apart from works is **dead**."

*Lub cev uas tsis muaj ntsujplig yog lub cev uas **tuag lawm**, ib yam li ntawd, txoj kev ntseeg uas tsis ua haujlwm yog txoj kev ntseeg uas **tuag lawm** thiab.*

WHERE IS THE LIFE?

N — NEVER SETTLE FOR DEAD FAITH |

TXHOB TXAUS SIAB RAU TXOJKEV NTSEEG UAS TUAG LAWM.

“DEAD”| *Tuag lawm*

- out life. | *Tsis muaj sia lawm*
- Devoid of vitality. | *tag txojsia*
- completely lacking energy, life, vigor, or enthusiasm

A FAITH THAT IS ALIVE WILL SHOW SIGNS OF LIFE.”


From a distance, it may still be standing tall.
It still has branches.
It still has bark.
It still looks like a tree.
But if the roots have died,
eventually the evidence will become visible.
DEAD FAITH MAY HAVE THE APPEARANCE OF FAITH

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JAMES | YAKAUNPAUS 2:15-16

"Go in peace, be warmed and filled."

"Thov Vajtswv foom koobhmoov rau nej kom muaj noj muaj hnav sovso,"

"WHERE IS THE EVIDENCE?"

DEAD FAITH TALKS BUT DOES NOT ACT

N — NEVER SETTLE FOR DEAD FAITH

TXHOB TXAUS SIAB RAU TXOJKEV NTSEEG UAS TUAG LAWM.

LIVING FAITH

responds to God's grace through repentance and renewed obedience.

DEAD FAITH

claim to believe that produces no corresponding response to God's truth.

DEAD FAITH IS NOT THE SAME AS STRUGGLING FAITH


1 Imagine going outside on a cold Minnesota morning.
2 You get into your truck. You turn the key.
3 Nothing happens. You try again.
Click. Click. Click.
4 The lights barely come on. The engine won't start.
5 Now, the truck may look perfectly fine.
The tires are good.
The body looks clean.
The seats are comfortable.
The gas tank is full.
But something essential is missing.
DEAD BATTERY
THERE IS NO POWER
TO START THE ENGINE.



"MY DAD DIDN'T JUST TEACH ME THE BIBLE. HE LIVED IT BEFORE ME."

“WHAT KIND OF FAITH WILL YOU TAKE HOME?”

KOJ YUAV COJ TXOJKEV NTSEEG ZOO LICAS ROV QAB MUS TSEV?



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