



## FAITH ACCOMPANIED BY WORKS.

“SHOW ME YOUR FAITH APART FROM YOUR WORKS,  
AND I WILL SHOW YOU MY FAITH BY MY WORKS.”

**JAMES 2:18b**

### BIG IDEA

Genuine faith is always accompanied by genuine works.

### FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLE

- The Bible is the story of God’s redemptive mission and the climax of that story is the work of Jesus.

### WHY CAN JAMES MAKE THIS BOLD CLAIM?

- Work has existed from the beginning.
  - **Genesis 1:28** - “And God blessed them. And God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.’”
- Abraham’s faith was completed by his obedient work.
  - **Genesis 22:1-3, 7-10**
- Jesus calls his followers into action.
  - **Dallas Willard** - “Grace is not opposed to effort, only to earning.”

### QUESTIONS:

1. How does my view of faith being completed by works affect my intimacy with God?
2. How does my view of faith being completed by works affect my involvement in God’s redemptive mission?
3. How do I view my career goals in light of my faith being completed by my works?
4. How do I view my discipleship in light of my faith being complete by my works?