

## NUTS AND BOLTS: WEEK 4, TALK IS CHEAP

"Actions speak louder than words"

### **James 2:14-19**

Faith - our strong BELIEF in God & the finished work of the Cross

Deeds - works/action done in obedience to the gospel

Paul & James - "If righteousness could be obtained through the law then Christ died for nothing." - **Galatians 2:21**

James is not saying that our deeds earn our salvation or righteousness

Faith isn't faith w/o ACTION

"you will know them by their fruit..." - **Matthew 7**

Action is a fruit of true faith

FAKE TREE - Looks good but no real fruit

REAL TREE - Bares fruit/evidence of life and is life giving

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not yet seen."  
**Hebrews 11:1**

What if God is calling us to be the substance of things someone else has hoped for?