

FAITH

WITH LEGS

JAMES 2:14-26



James 2:14-16

“What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? 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? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

James 2:14-16

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? Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar?

James 2:14-16

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.

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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.”

- Faith is not a Noun; it is a Verb

- If your Faith Doesn't Lead to a Change in Your Behavior, it isn't Faith at all; it's just an Opinion.

- If you are Saved, there will be Evidence of it in your Life.

Ephesians 2:8-9

“For by Grace you have been saved through Faith.
and this is not your own doing; it is the Gift of God,
not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

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“Faith Without Works is Dead” James 2:17, 20, 26

- Faith is not a Status; it is an Action.

2 Examples of How to Have Faith with Legs

1. Abraham the Patriarch

Genesis 22:2

“Take your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering.”

Genesis 22:5

“Stay here with the donkey,” Abraham told his servants. “The boy and I will go over there to worship, and then we will return to you.”

Genesis 22:7

“Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham,
“Father? “Yes, my son?” Abraham replied.

Genesis 22:7

“The fire and wood are here,” Isaac said, “but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?”

Genesis 22:8

“Abraham answered, “God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them went on together.”

- Faith is about having a God You Trust Enough to Obey, even when the Path is Steep, and the Future is Unclear.

- What is the "Isaac" in your Life?

- Faith with Legs = Being willing to Take the Next Step, even when it Looks like a Sacrifice

2. Rahab, the Woman with the Checkered Past

- She was an Outcast, a Woman whose life was Defined by the Labels the City Gave Her.

“I know that the Lord has given you this land...”
Joshua 2:9

"...Tie this Scarlet Cord in the window through which you let us down." *Joshua 2:18*

- That Red Cord was not just a Decoration.
It was a Sign of her Surrender.

- Faith with Legs = Be willing to take a Risk and hang your Future on the Promise of God.

- Do you have a Scarlet Cord In Your Life = a Step of Faith that feels Risky or Uncomfortable?

Abraham - Proved his faith by Giving

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Rahab - Proved her faith by Hiding

3 Things that will Help us put Legs on our Faith

#1. Identify Your Mountain

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- What is the Difficult Thing God has been Asking You to Do?

#2. Identify Your Scarlet Cord

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- What is One Risky Step You Need to Take This Week?

#3. Move from Agreement to Action

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- Start Praying - "Lord, What is the Action You Want Me to Take?"