



**Encouraged
by Faith &
Works**

James 2:14-26

Faith and Deeds

- What does it profit?
- Faith/works dichotomy?
- Can faith save him?
- Issue of saving faith

Suppose-- illustration

- o Suppose, if
- o Shabby, then—naked
(without)
- o Lack of daily food
- o One among you says

Suppose--illustration

- o Go in peace
- o Be warmed and filled
- o Faith that God will do it?
- o Things the body needs
- o Twice—what does it profit?
- o Usefulness of faith toward others!

Someone will say

- o Counter point...
- o You have...I have
- o Principle—faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead
- o Faith with works is a living faith!

You believe...

- o Belief on one God
- o 1 Tim.2:5; Mark 12:29,32;
- o Romans 3:30; 1 Cor.8:4,6
- o You do well...but not enough!
- o Demons—shudder, why?

Evidence

- o Do you want to know
- o O foolish man
- o Kene—foolish, empty, vain
- o 1 Corinthians 15:14; 2 Cor. 6:1
- o Verse 20 textual variant: useless, or dead
- o RSV—barren

Our Father Abraham

- Genesis 22:1-18
- Elements of faith in the narrative!

Rahab the prostitute

- Her story: Joshua 2:1-21
- Mentioned also in
Hebrews 11:31

Final Dictum

o “As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.”