

Moving Forward in Faithfulness

Demonstrating Faith Works

James 2:14-26

We gather as the people of God
to encourage one another
to move forward in faithfulness
by demonstrating faith works.

1. Authentic Faith is a Good and Saving Faith

“...as you hold the faith of our LORD Jesus Christ”
- James 2:1

THE QUESTION: WHAT GOOD IS IT...? (v. 14)

THE SCENARIO (vv. 15-16)

- Condition
- Conversation
- Conclusion

2. Authentic Faith is Useful Faith

STATEMENT OF CATEGORIES (v. 18A)

- Category #1: You have faith
- Category #2: I have works

STATEMENT OF CLARIFICATION

What does faithless work look like?

“You believe God is One*; you do well. Even the demons
believe—and shudder!” - James 2:19

* - Deut. 6:4

3. Authentic Faith is Illustrated Faith

“Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith
apart from works is useless?” - James 2:20

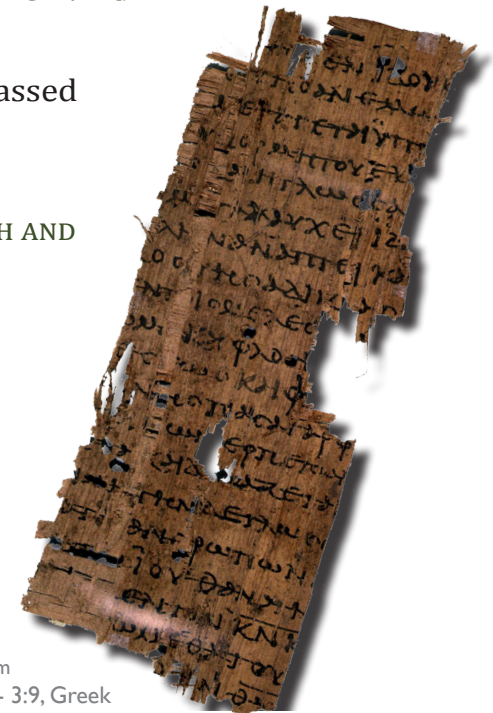
ABRAHAM'S FAITH IS DEMONSTRATED IN THE OFFERING OF ISAAC
(v. 21)

- faith is active (v. 22) :: faith was completed by his
works (Heb. 11:17-19)
- faith is effectual (v. 23a) :: was accounted to him as
righteousness (Romans 3:21-30)
- faith is relational (v. 23b) :: you are a “friend of God”
(John 15:12-17)
- Reality (v. 24)

RAHAB IS JUSTIFIED BY HER RECEIVING
AND SENDING (v. 25)

- Her acts of faith surpassed
her past reputation
(Joshua 2)

THE BODY ILLUSTRATES FAITH AND
WORKS



Papyrus 20 - 17 x 12 cm
EPISTLE OF JAMES 2:19 - 3:9, Greek
- from the early 3rd century
- found in Egypt; currently housed in the Princeton University Library,
Princeton, NJ