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

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

* - Deut. 6:4