

**JAMES: SHOE LEATHER GOSPEL  
WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY  
SOUTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH  
“Faith and Works”. James 2: 14-26  
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III. Airplane at 20,000 feet in the air

- Faith and works are two sides of the same coin. You can't have one without the other.

**KEY TRUTH**

**We are NOT saved by good works, but if we are saved we will DO good works as a consistent pattern of our lives as we follow Jesus.**

“Faith and works should travel side by side, step answering to step, like the legs of men walking. First faith, and then works; and then faith again, and then works again—until they can scarcely distinguish which is the one and which is the other.” William Booth

**Two Foundational Verses:**

**1. Romans 3:28**

“For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from observing the law (works).”

**2. James 2:17**

“Faith, by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.”

**I. Two Questions Asked**

Question #1: What good is it if a man has faith but no deeds?

Question #2: Can such a faith save him?

**II. Three Examples of Faith and Works**

**Practical Example 1. Brother without daily F\_\_\_\_\_ and C\_\_\_\_\_.**  
(v.15)

**Biblical Example 1: A\_\_\_\_\_ (vv.21-24)**

- Background passages to what James says here are Genesis \_\_\_\_\_ and Genesis \_\_\_\_\_.

**Abraham's Faith and Trust in the Lord: (Genesis 15)**

“Abraham believed the Lord, and He credited (counted in some translations) it to him as righteousness.” Gen. 15:6

- *Credited*: a legal or financial term; means “to put to one’s account”

“What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scriptures say? Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” Romans 4: 1-3

“Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad.”  
John 8:56

### **Abraham’s Faith Evidenced by His Works: (Genesis 22)**

“Faith alone justifies; but the faith that justifies is never alone.” John Calvin

“faith made complete by what he did” James 2:22

### **Biblical Example 2: Rahab (vv.25-26)**

- Background passages for what James says are Joshua 2 and Joshua 6.

“By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.” Hebrews 11:31

- Matthew 1:5. Rahab is named in the genealogy of Jesus

### **THINK ABOUT IT.....CLOSING QUESTIONS:**

“For it by grace you have been **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. For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus **for good works**, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

Ephesians 2: 8-10

1. Who is your living example of faith and works coming together? Who has had the most significance on your walk with God?
2. How did you know they loved the Lord? Because they said so or because you saw the fruit and the works coming out of their life as well?

