

**Sermon:** A Living Faith.  
**Series:** James: Real Wisdom, Real Faith.

**Scripture:** James 2:18-26.  
**Date:** November 21, 2021

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**OBSERVATION** -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

**INTERPRETATION** -- Answer these questions together:

**1. What does this passage teach us about us?**

- a) Read v. 18 again. Would you lean more towards showing faith or more towards showing works? Why is it so important that faith and works go hand in hand?
- b) Does your life reflect what you believe? In what ways does it/doesn't it?

**2) What does this passage teach us about God?**

- a) Read verse 23 again. Abraham was called a friend of God. What does this tell us about God? About what he wants from us?

**3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?**

- a) How does the story of Abraham and Isaac (Gen. 22) demonstrate saving faith? How did Jesus fulfill Abraham's faith heirs later?
- b) How did Jesus' faith and obedience make us "friends of God?"

**APPLICATION**

- a) Rahab demonstrated her faith by taking a courageous risk. What risk might God be asking you to take this week? This upcoming new year? OR in what way is God asking you to live out your faith?

**FIGHTER VERSES: James 2:14-17.**

**PRAYER**

- Praise God for his grace that makes us his friends.
- Confess your inability to demonstrate your faith on your own.
- Thank Jesus for demonstrating faithful obedience – obedience that has been imputed to you.
- Ask God to help you have courage as you live out your faith in him.