

1. A Question for the **Congregation**

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him?

2. A **Communal** Faith

¹⁵ If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷ So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

3. A **Doctrine** Only Faith

*¹⁸ But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.
¹⁹ You believe that God is one: you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder!*

4. Abraham’s Faith Caused Him to **Act**

²⁰ Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? ²¹ Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? ²² You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; ²³ and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of God. ²⁴ You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone.

5. Rahab the **Prostitute** was a Woman of **Faith**

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²⁶ For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.”*

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