

## THE POWER OF ACTING IN FAITH

There is power when we act in faith and do what God instructs us to do.

### KEY POINTS

- ❖ James 2:14-26 makes a strong connection between works and faith.
- ❖ But what is faith? Hebrews 11:1 says, “Now faith is the [a] substance of things hoped for, the [b] evidence of things not seen.”
- ❖ Faith is believing in something even though you may not see it right before you. Having faith in God requires us to put our ultimate trust and confidence in Him. Proverbs 3:5-6 tells us to “Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.”
- ❖ For us to receive the answered prayers and blessings that God has promised us, we need to have faith, but we also need to trust Him.
- ❖ In James 2, we read three times that faith without works is dead. This is evidently something God wants us to understand.
- ❖ For us to have faith, there is some work that needs to be done on our part. There are things we need to do—some steps we need to take—to demonstrate the faith we have in God.
- ❖ “Was our father Abraham not justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? You see that faith was working with his works, and as a result of the works, faith was perfected” (Jam. 2:21-22).
- ❖ Abraham offering his son Issac in sacrifice unto God is a famous demonstration of faith in God (see Genesis 22:1-19). Hearing that story, we may wonder what type of father would sacrifice his son—especially a promised child from God (see Gen. 17:1-21).
- ❖ Abraham demonstrated his faith by being obedient to what God told him to do. He showed that he was willing to put the work into his faith. Abraham loved his son, but his love and faith in God were greater.
- ❖ God will sometimes give us clear instructions that may not sound too difficult to do, but there will also be times when we are praying for something, hoping for something, and God will tell us to do something that may be hard for us to do. When that time comes, *do it*.
- ❖ It may require us cutting off some people in order to let go of some parts of our lifestyle that we enjoy. We may have to completely change the environment we’re in for God to completely transform our lives
- ❖ We need to be obedient at all times to the Word and voice of God because He knows what is best for us. When we step out obediently, we demonstrate our faith and trust in God.

**KEY SCRIPTURES:** James 2:14-26; Hebrews 11:1; Proverbs 3:5-6; Matthew 7:7; Genesis 17:5-8; Mark 5:25-34; Acts 2:37-38

- ❖ Having faith in God means we can praise God when He may answer the prayer request of our brother or sister in Christ before ours. It means we can celebrate with them when God gives them what He promised them first. Sometimes we need to praise with our brother or sister like it’s our promise that was fulfilled.
- ❖ God may have promised us something and we have the faith that God will fulfill it, but it will require some actions on our part.
- ❖ A very important action that is required from us is prayer. We are told in Matthew 7:7 to “Ask, and it will be given to you.”
- ❖ The woman with the issue of blood in Mark 5:25-34 had done all that was within her power. She went to many doctors, spent money—but rather than getting better, she got worse. Many people have been healed with the aid of the health care available in their day; but that was not her story.
- ❖ She heard about Jesus, which means the name of Jesus was being shared around town, to the point where she said to herself, If I can touch the hem of His garment, I can be made whole (v. 28).
- ❖ Pushing her way through the crowd—in her weak and sickly condition—was her acting out her faith.
- ❖ We need that kind of faith. We need to believe that just a touch from God can completely transform our situations.
- ❖ For you, it may not be a physical crowd, it may be something else. But push your way through it because you are showing God that nothing is going to stop you from getting what is for you.
- ❖ Let your faith be so strong that nothing will stop you from coming to God—“God, I need You now. God, I need a touch from You.”
- ❖ There is power when we act in faith and do what God instructs us to do.

### DISCUSSION/REFLECTION TOOLS

1. Give scriptural examples of how people ‘worked’ with their faith (e.g., Hebrews 11 list). Discuss.
2. Are there biblical examples where God acts autonomously, with no human involvement? If so, do they negate the theme of this lesson? Explain.
3. What are practical ways we can obey the teachings of James, i.e., faith and works operating together?

### PRAYER TIME

Lord, help me to act/work to demonstrate and support my faith. In Jesus’ name, amen.

**WEEK OF SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026**

### NOTES

Meditate as you read through/listen to this week’s message. If it helps, use symbols for your notes.

✓ (Reminds me/Confirms) 💡 (New idea) 🗨️ (Think about)  
! (Do this) ❤️ (Speaks to my heart) ➡️ (Must share)

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### PRAYER NEEDS/THANKSGIVINGS

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Go deeper with your Life Group family.  
CONNECT-REFLECT-DISSECT THE WORD  
Your Life Group ~ Your Lifeline

Start-up: Share various ways you demonstrate faith in your daily life (flipping a light switch, sitting on a chair, etc.).

**PRAYER FOCUS: F. S. Families: for love, unity, health, financial blessings, worship in our homes, etc.**

**24-hour Prayer:** Daily;

**Daily Devotions: Monday - Friday @ 6:30 a.m. & 9:00 p.m.;**

**Departmental Prayer:** Every **Thursday** (please check schedule)

**Corporate Prayer:** Every **Friday @ 7:00 p.m.** (and in person every second Friday @ 9:00 p.m. - 3:00 a.m.).

**Zoom ID: 898 3191 5909 Phone Access: 647-374-4685**

#### **FAITH SANCTUARY DONATIONS**

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#### **FS PRAYER HOSTS AND LEADERS' MEETING**

There will be a training/information session for all Prayer Leads/Hosts, Co-Hosts, and all who are involved in 24-hour prayer. Meeting access is through the "Departmental Meetings" option on the FS website.

Date: Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Time: 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Contact: Bro. Mike Allen

#### **OPEN CALL SIGN UP**

If you're interested in volunteering with the Praise & Worship, Production, or Communications teams, please attend the sign-up session on Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026 from 1:15 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the

Faith Conference Center.

Contact: Pastor Daniel Peel

#### **FYYA NIGHT**

Date: Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

(Please note that 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. will be a special service. Parents are welcome.)

Location: Main Sanctuary

Contact: Pastor Dan Peel or Sis. Naomi Kovach

**GOD IS OUR REFUGE  
AND STRENGTH, AN  
EVER-PRESENT HELP  
IN TROUBLE.**

*Psalms 46:1 (NIV)*

#### **FAITH SANCTUARY WEEKLY SERVICES**

**Sunday Bible Study @ 10:00 a.m.**

**Sunday Worship Service @ 11:00 a.m.**

(Listen via phone: 1-844-268-4848)

**Monday Berean Bible Study @ 6:30 p.m.**

(Zoom, Facebook, YouTube)

**Wednesday Bible Study @ 7:30 p.m.**

(In person and via Zoom)

**Friday Evening Service @ 8:00 p.m.**

(In person and via Zoom)

**Life Group Meetings – individually scheduled**  
(see ushers for information)

## **FAITH FOUNDATIONS**

### **GOD**

We believe there is only one God: the eternal, holy, loving, all-knowing, all-powerful, omnipresent Spirit, creator of all (Deuteronomy 6:4; 1 Timothy 1:17; Leviticus 19:2; 1 John 4:8; Hebrews 4:13; Revelation 19:6; Jeremiah 23:24; John 4:24; Isaiah 44:24; Colossians 1:16).

### **GOD'S WORD**

We believe the Holy Scriptures—The Bible—is God's true and complete Word to humanity, verified most notably through fulfilled prophecies concerning Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Isaiah 41:21-23, 42:8-9, 46:9-10; Luke 24:25-27; John 17:17).

### **GOD'S CREATION**

We believe all people were created in the image of God for His pleasure, to be His children, His church and His bride, living in eternal love and fellowship with Him (Revelation 4:1; Genesis 1:27; John 1:12-13; Romans 8:16; Ephesians 5:25-32; Revelation 19:7).

### **HUMANITY'S FALL**

We acknowledge that we have all sinned and failed to fulfill God's plan and purpose for our lives, through willful disobedience to the word of God and our own conscience. All sinful acts lead to separation and alienation from God's pure, holy presence, eventually resulting in both physical and spiritual death (Romans 3:23, 6:23a).

### **THE GOSPEL**

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Almighty God, fully divine and fully human (1 Timothy 3:16). He came to Earth and suffered death by crucifixion, willingly substituting Himself for us in receiving God's judgment against sin (Isaiah 53:5). But God raised Him from death (Acts 5:30), and He now offers eternal life to all who will believe in Him (John 3:14-17, 6:29; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; Romans 6:23b; Ephesians 2:4-9). Faith is sparked within us when we hear the gospel, the "good news" that Jesus died, was buried and rose from the dead for our benefit (Romans 10:14-17; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

### **OUR FAITH RESPONSE**

Hearing the gospel is intended to lead us to repentance, a divinely inspired change of heart that causes us to turn away from our sins and turn to God (2 Corinthians 7:9-10; 2 Timothy 2:24-26). Faith and repentance lead us to obey the scriptural command to be baptized in Jesus' name for the forgiveness of our sins and to receive His gift of the Holy Spirit. His Spirit gives us the power to live a righteous, godly life, joyfully sharing the good news of our new life in Christ with others (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38, 4:12; 1 Peter 1:22-23).

### **CHRIST'S RETURN**

We believe our Lord Jesus Christ will soon return to Earth to receive His people to Himself and establish His righteous, eternal kingdom (John 14:3; Matthew 25:34).

**FEBRUARY 8, 2026**



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**Pastor:**  
**Rev. Adrian W. Peel**

***"What does Scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.'"***

***Romans 4:3(NIV)***

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