

¹⁴WHAT GOOD IS IT, MY BROTHERS, IF SOMEONE SAYS HE HAS FAITH BUT DOES NOT HAVE WORKS? CAN THAT FAITH SAVE HIM. ¹⁵IF A BROTHER OR SISTER IS POORLY CLOTHED AND LACKING IN DAILY FOOD, ¹⁶AND 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? ¹⁷SO ALSO FAITH BY ITSELF, IF IT DOES NOT HAVE WORKS, IS DEAD. ¹⁸BUT 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. ¹⁹YOU BELIEVE THAT GOD IS ONE; YOU DO WELL. EVEN THE DEMONS BELIEVE— AND SHUDDER! ²⁰DO YOU WANT TO BE SHOWN, YOU FOOLISH PERSON, THAT FAITH APART FROM WORKS IS USELESS?

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²¹WAS NOT ABRAHAM OUR FATHER JUSTIFIED BY WORKS WHEN HE OFFERED UP HIS SON ISAAC ON THE ALTAR? ²²YOU SEE THAT FAITH WAS ACTIVE ALONG WITH HIS WORKS, AND FAITH WAS COMPLETED BY HIS WORKS; ²³AND 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. ²⁴YOU SEE THAT A PERSON IS JUSTIFIED BY WORKS AND NOT BY FAITH ALONE. ²⁵AND IN THE SAME WAY WAS NOT ALSO RAHAB THE PROSTITUTE JUSTIFIED BY WORKS WHEN SHE RECEIVED THE MESSENGERS AND SENT THEM OUT BY ANOTHER WAY? ²⁶FOR AS THE BODY APART FROM THE SPIRIT IS DEAD, SO ALSO FAITH APART FROM WORKS IS DEAD. —JAMES 2:14-26

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⁸FOR BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED THROUGH FAITH. AND THIS IS NOT YOUR OWN DOING; IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD, ⁹NOT A RESULT OF WORKS, SO THAT NO ONE MAY BOAST. —EPHESIANS 2:8-9

FOR WE WALK BY FAITH, NOT BY SIGHT. —2 CORINTHIANS 5:7

AND WITHOUT FAITH IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE HIM, FOR WHOEVER WOULD DRAW NEAR TO GOD MUST BELIEVE THAT HE EXISTS AND THAT HE REWARDS THOSE WHO SEEK HIM. —HEB. 11:6

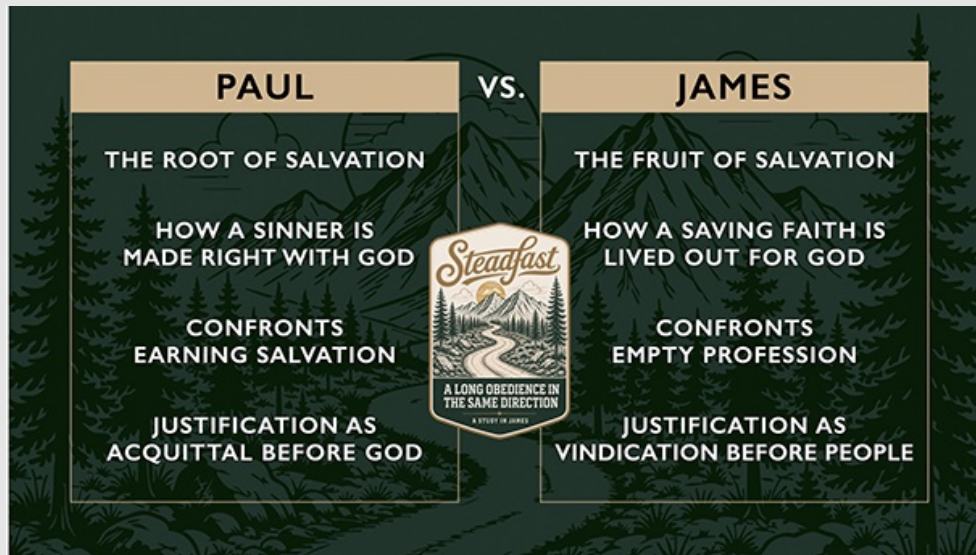
BUT WHOEVER HAS DOUBTS IS CONDEMNED IF HE EATS, BECAUSE THE EATING IS NOT FROM FAITH. FOR WHATEVER DOES NOT PROCEED FROM FAITH IS SIN. —ROMANS 14:23

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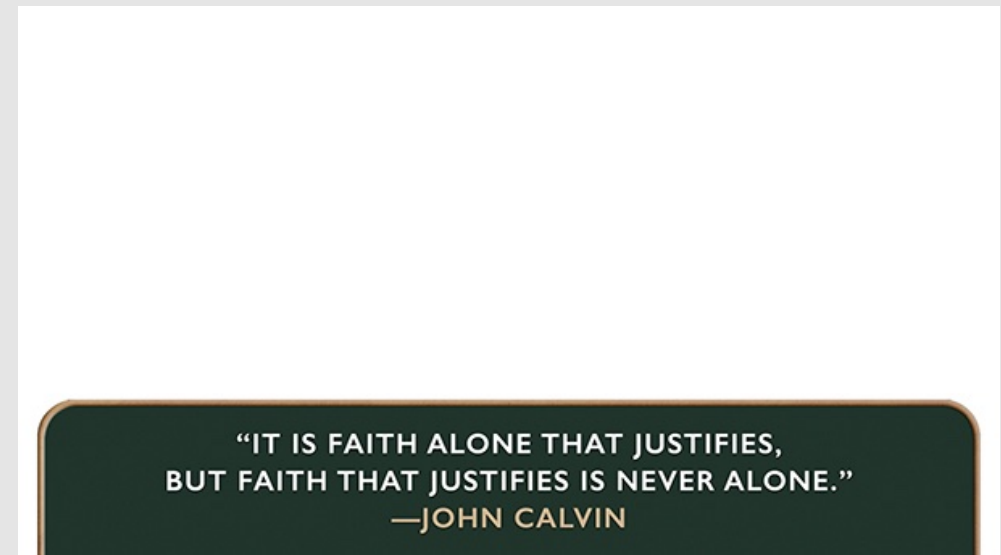


I. A PROBLEM STATED (JAMES 2:14-17)

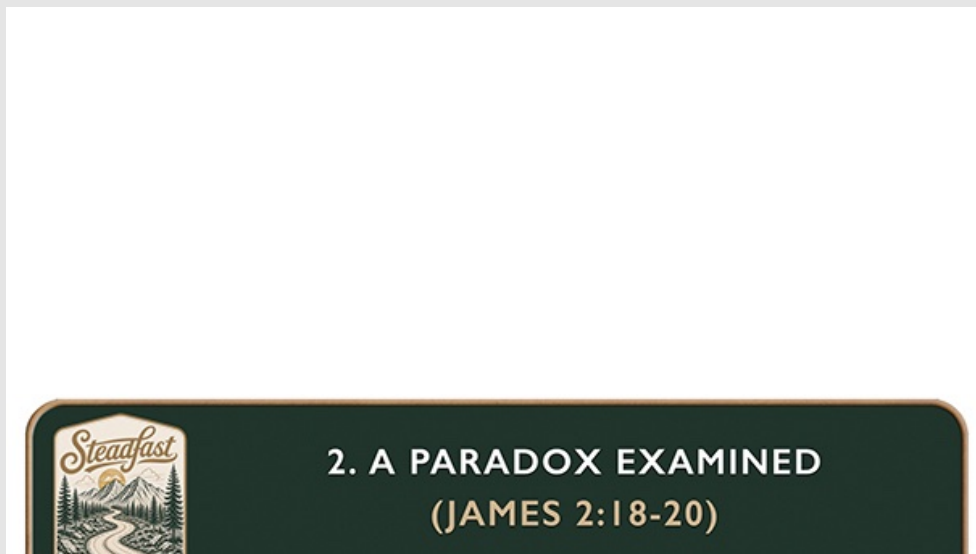
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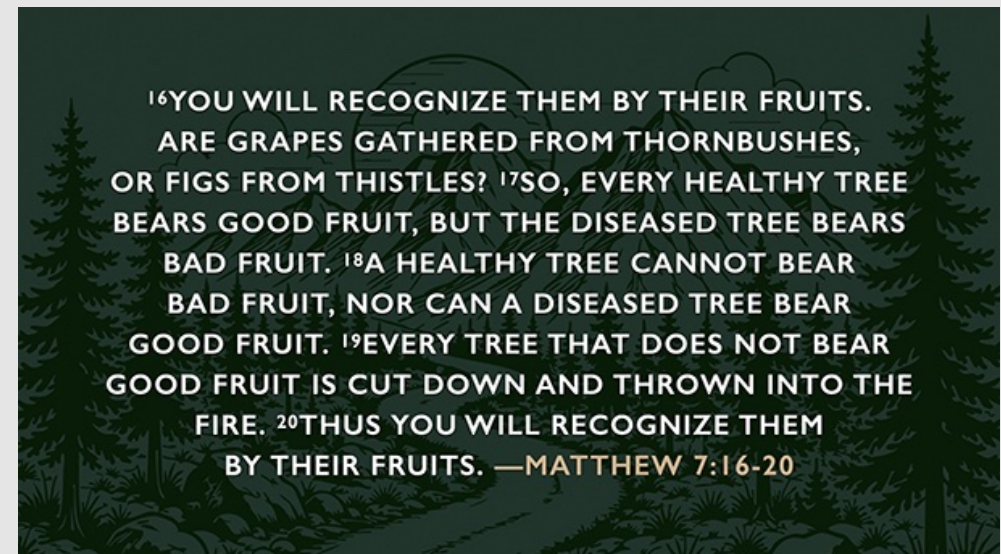
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“AS IN MANY TIMES IN HISTORY, THE CHURCH TODAY DESPERATELY NEEDS TO RECOGNIZE AND DEAL WITH THE SOUL-DAMNING IDEA THAT MERE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE GOSPEL FACTS AS BEING TRUE IS SUFFICIENT FOR SALVATION. WE MUST CLEARLY AND FORCEFULLY COUNTER THE DECEPTION AND DELUSION THAT KNOWING AND ACCEPTING THE TRUTH ABOUT JESUS CHRIST IS EQUIVALENT TO HAVING SAVING FAITH IN HIM. IN SOME CHURCH CIRCLES, IT EVEN SEEMS TO BE HELD THAT MERELY NOT DENYING GOD IS TANTAMOUNT TO TRUSTING HIM. JAMES WILL NOT PERMIT SUCH A FALSEHOOD TO GO UNCHALLENGED.” —JOHN MACARTHUR

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⁹BECAUSE, IF YOU CONFESS WITH YOUR MOUTH THAT JESUS IS LORD AND BELIEVE IN YOUR HEART THAT GOD RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD, YOU WILL BE SAVED.

¹⁰FOR WITH THE HEART ONE BELIEVES AND IS JUSTIFIED, AND WITH THE MOUTH ONE CONFESSES AND IS SAVED.

—ROMANS 10:9-10

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3. A PICTURE PROVIDED (JAMES 2:21-25)

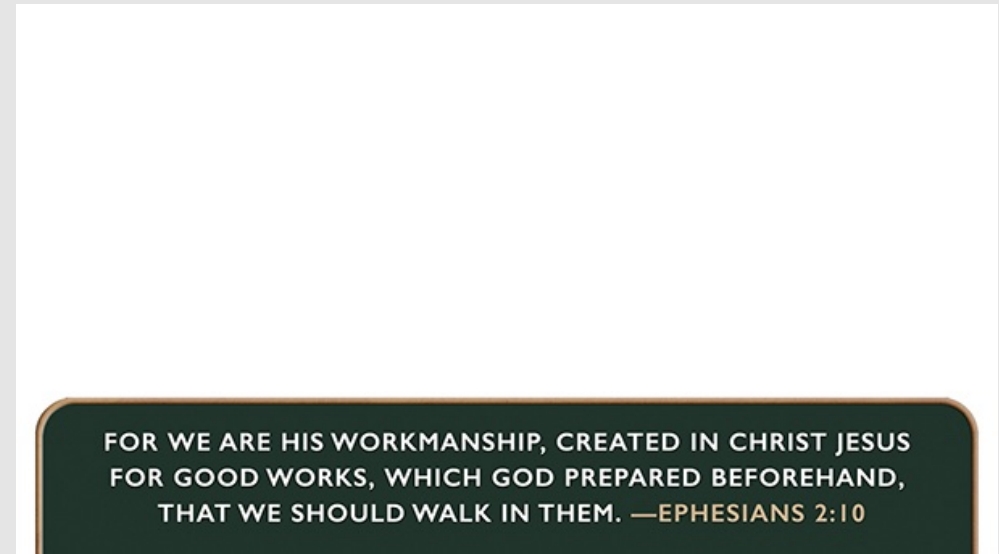
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ABRAHAM: Patriarch, Male, Jew, Respected, Religious
RAHAB: Woman, Gentile, Outsider, Morally Compromised

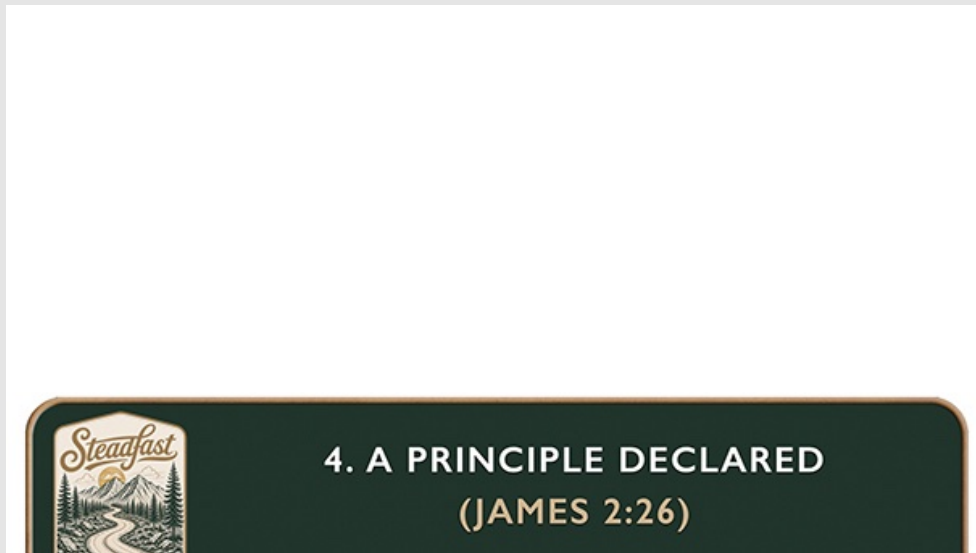
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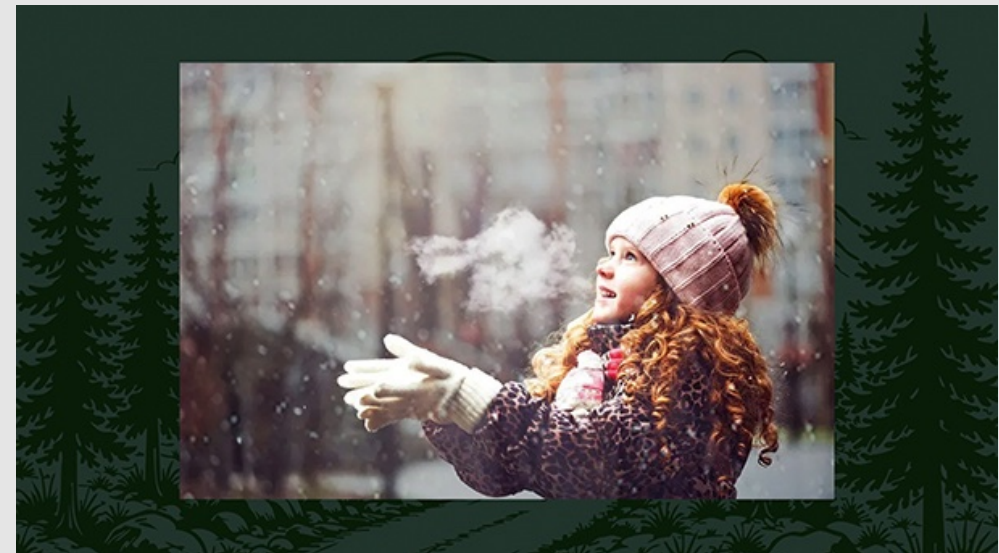
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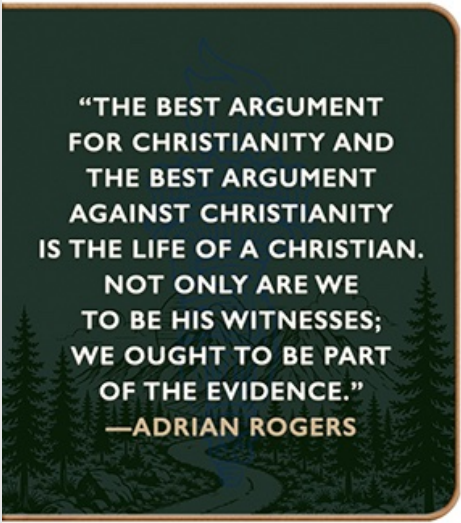
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**“THE BEST ARGUMENT
FOR CHRISTIANITY AND
THE BEST ARGUMENT
AGAINST CHRISTIANITY
IS THE LIFE OF A CHRISTIAN.**

**NOT ONLY ARE WE
TO BE HIS WITNESSES;
WE OUGHT TO BE PART
OF THE EVIDENCE.”**

—ADRIAN ROGERS

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