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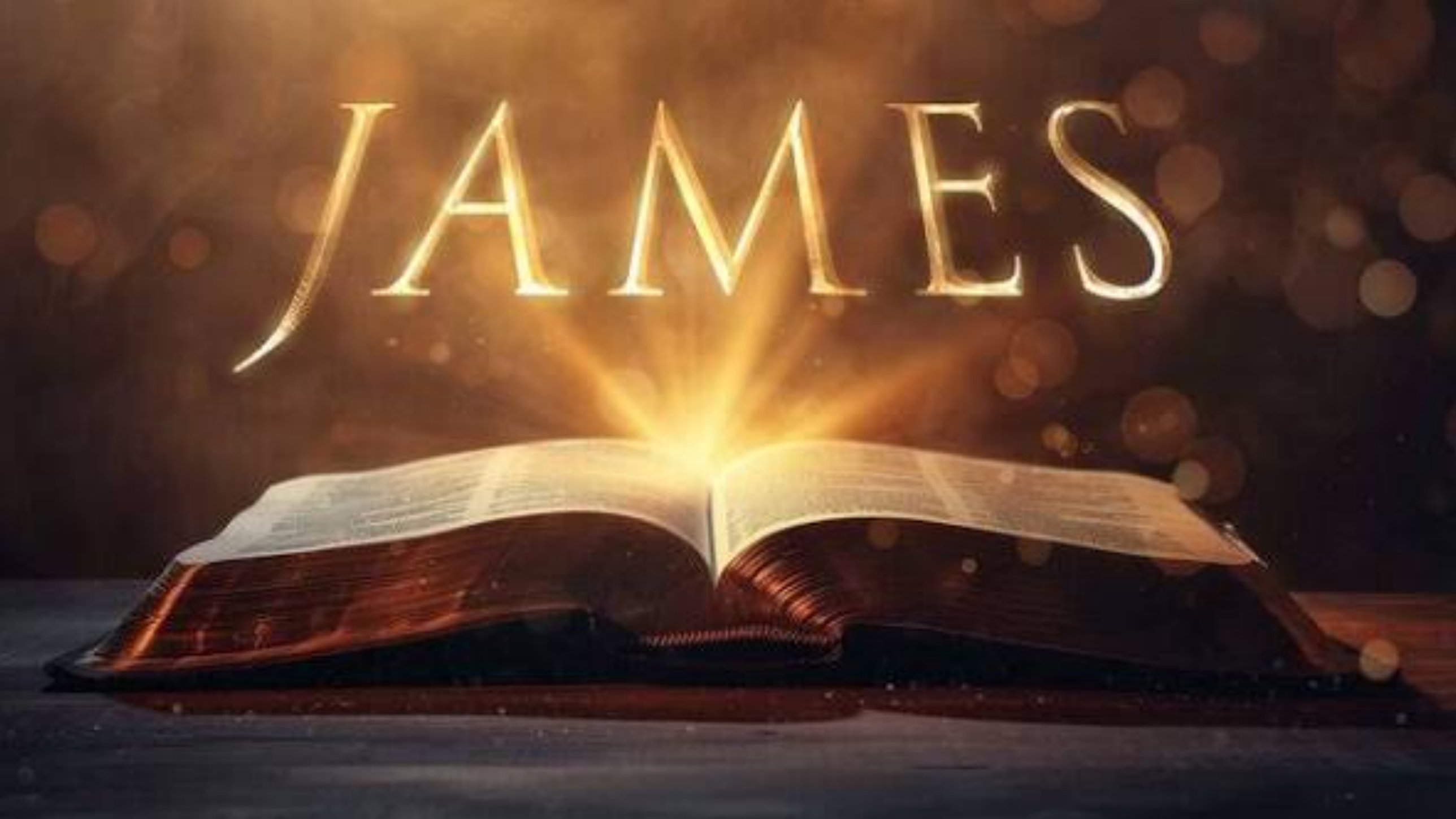

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JAMES

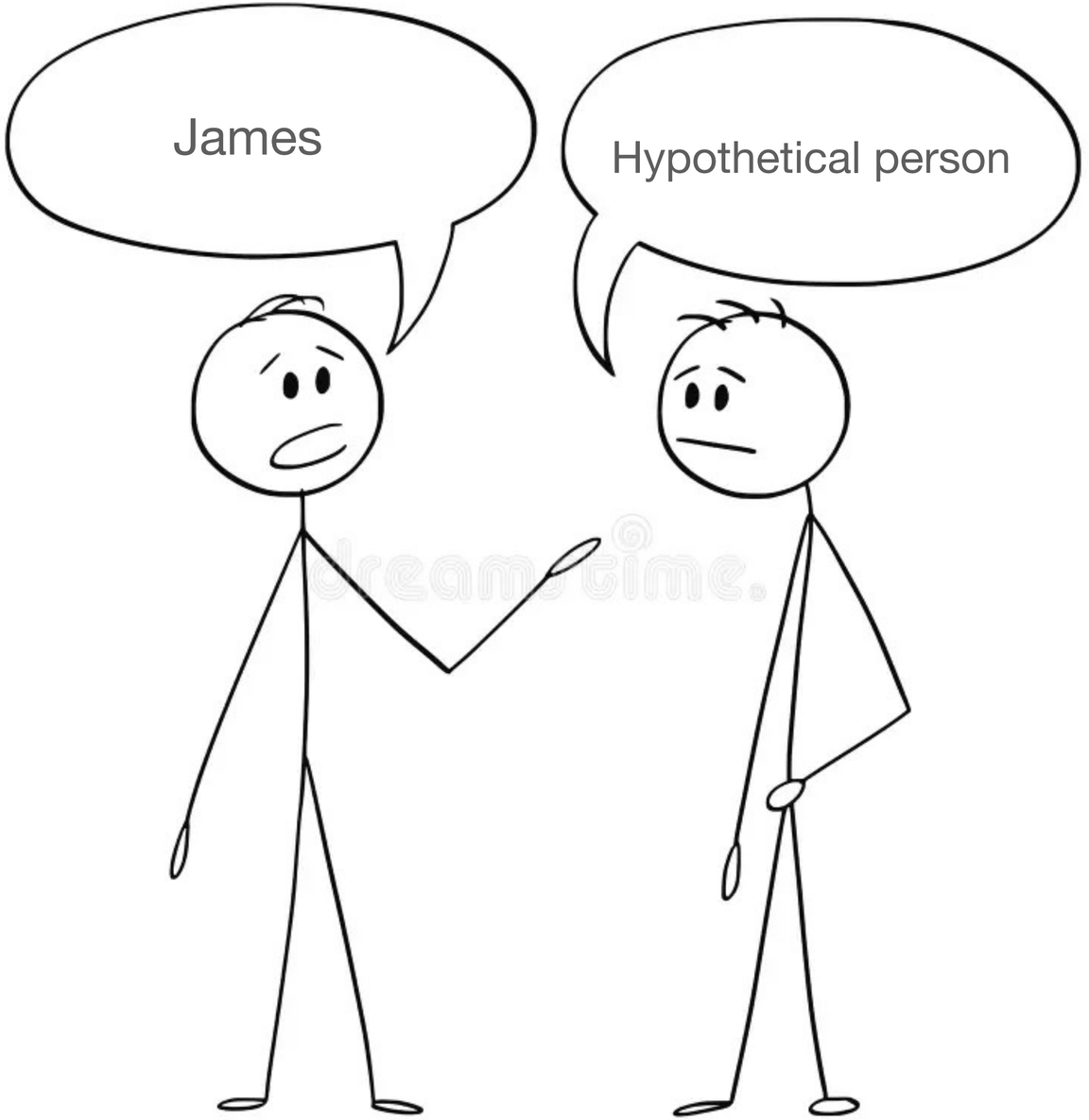
James 2:14-26

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How should I hear what James is about to say?

Conviction & Motivation





14 What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him?

Main point: Genuine Faith Produces Good Works!

Jesus taught the same thing.

Matthew 7:16-18

16 "You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles?
17 "Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.
18 "A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit.

James 2:15-26 is different examples of:

- Vrs 15-19 Faith with out works
- Vrs 21-26 Faith with works

Faith with out works

15 If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food,
16 and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit?
17 Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

18 But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

You can’t see faith but you can see the evidence of it.

19 You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe--and tremble!

Faith with out works.



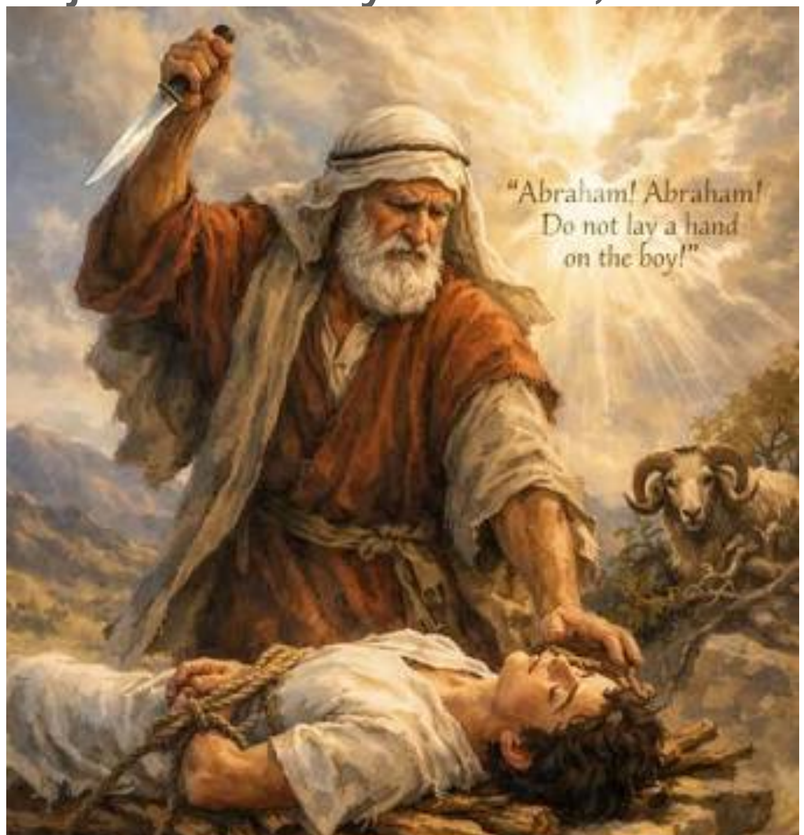
The Transition.

20 But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?

(Let me show you faith that produces good works!)

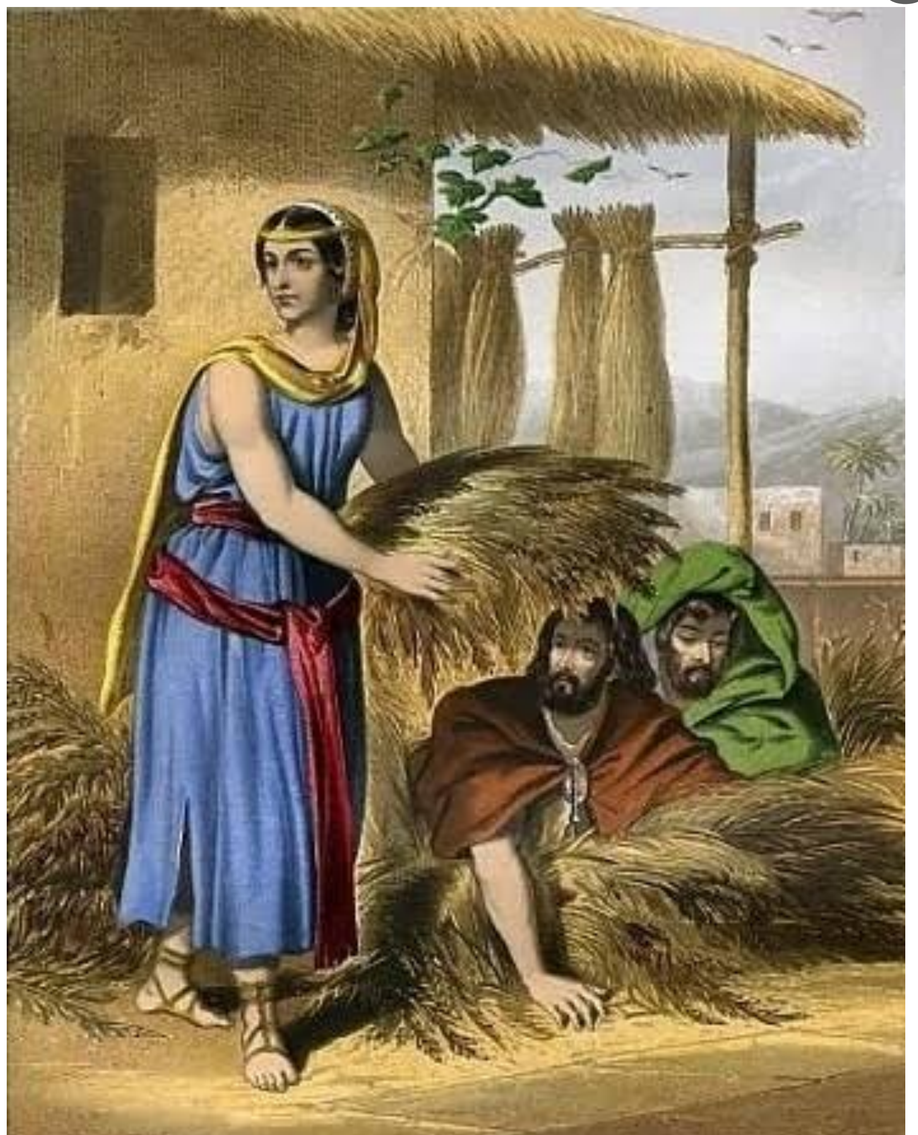
21 Was not Abraham our father **justified** by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar?
22 Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect?
23 And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." And he was called the friend of God.
24 You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.

Faith with works



25 Likewise, was not Rahab the harlot also **justified** by works when she received the messengers and sent them out another way?

Faith with works



James Final Example

26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

James 2:14-26

Simply saying: Genuine Faith Produces Good Works.

Does Paul disagree with James?



Paul deals with legalism (One must earn Gods favor)

James deals with the idea of (Christians have a license to sin)

Both agree!

Saved by faith and faith produces good works.

Paul

Ephesians 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.


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How do I put my faith to action?

John 15:4-5

4 "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. 5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

Philippians 2:13

for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

Prayer

Hebrews 13:20-21

20 Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, 21 make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.