



Grace Children

**Grace Children's Ministry
needs a few more helpers to
help on Sunday Mornings -
just during the sermon and
only every 6 weeks or so.**

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EVERYDAY FAITH

A WORSHIP SERIES
THROUGH THE
BOOK OF JAMES



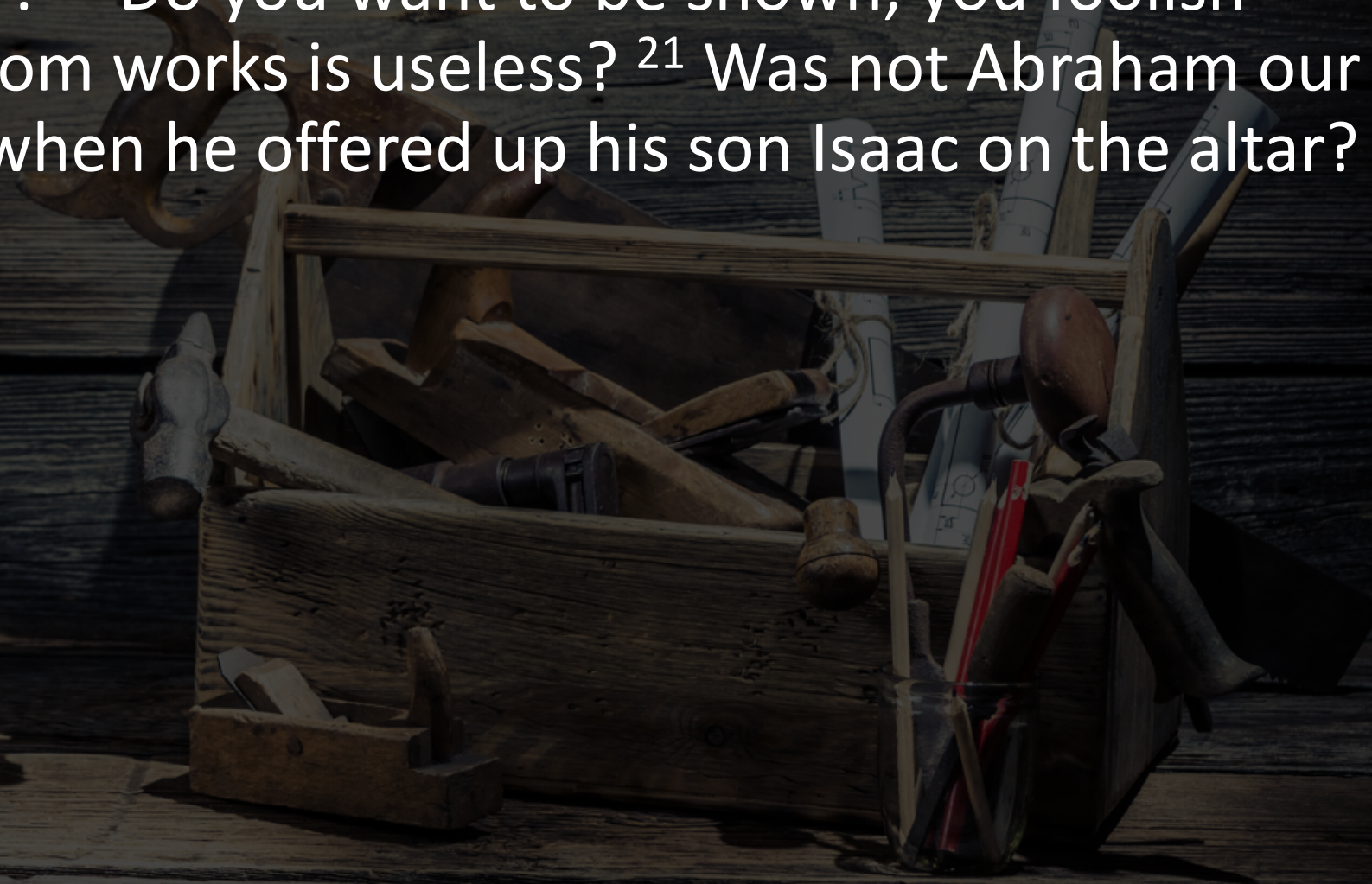
James 2:14-26

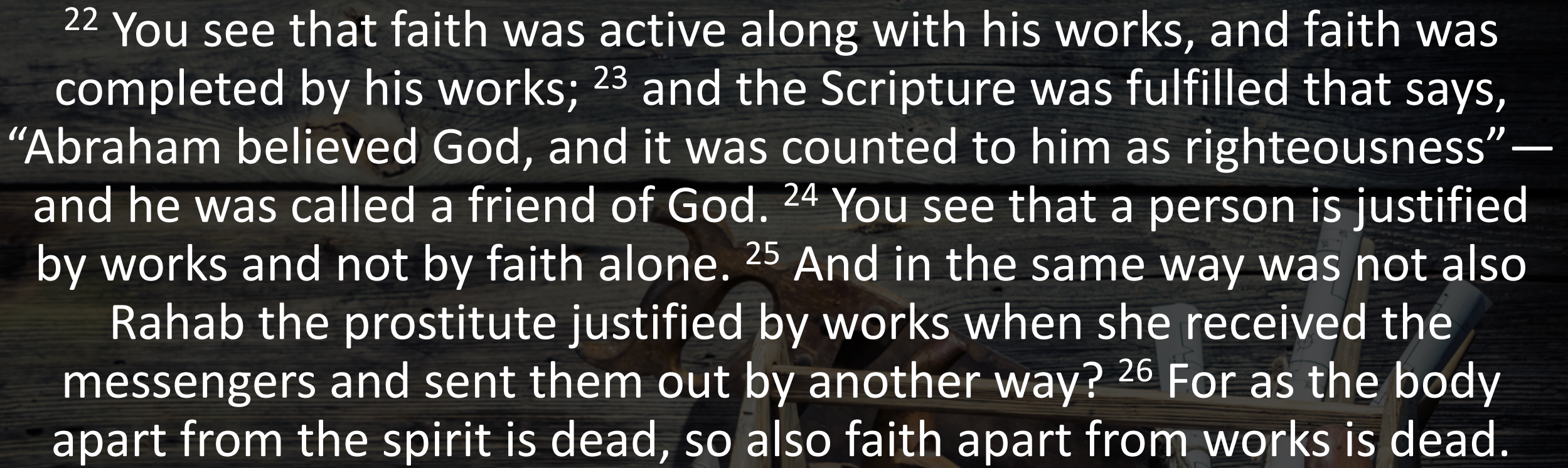
What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body,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

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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! 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?

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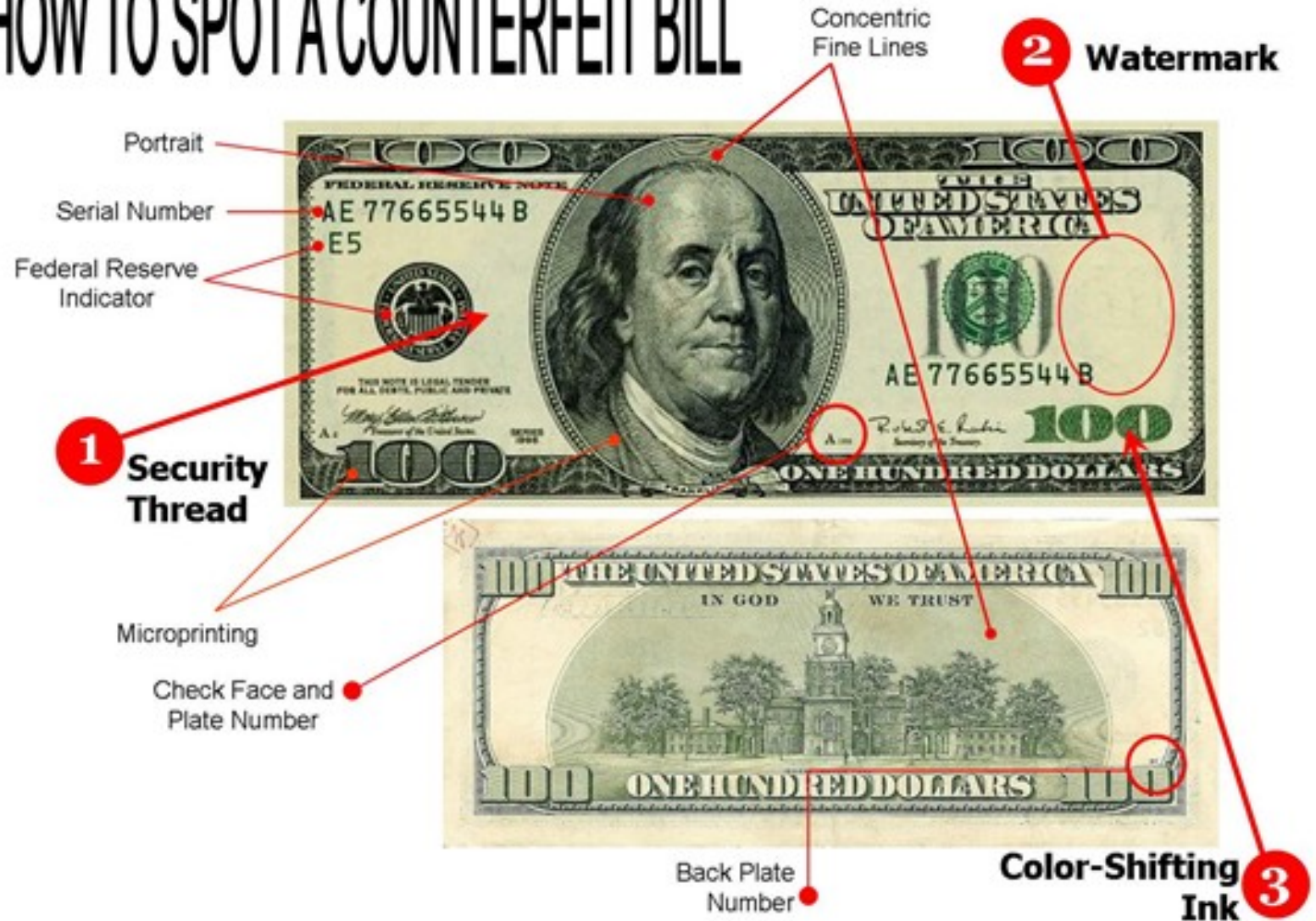
²² You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; ²³ and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness” — and he was called a friend of God. ²⁴ You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. ²⁵ And 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? ²⁶ For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

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Counterfeit vs. Real

Following the Civil War, between a third and half of all cash in circulation was counterfeit.

HOW TO SPOT A COUNTERFEIT BILL



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Helping us honestly self-evaluate our faith, NOT so that we'll evaluate the authenticity of others' faith.

Functional Deism

I believe in God but he doesn't really care about what I do.

Functional Legalism

I believe in God and need to behave in order to keep him happy.

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Dead Faith

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What we SAY we believe
vs.
What we ACTUALLY believe

INTROSPECTION, not Outrospection
to help us avoid false-comfort

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Intellectual agreement
+ Heart Commitment
Behavioral Submission

We all struggle with focus:

“I agree, but want to live my own life”

“I just want to feel more Jesus”

“I’ll just be good”

So, How do I know?
To know what you believe, look at what you do

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Living Faith

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Justified #1 - "To Create"

Justified #2 - "To Authenticate"

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Justified #1 - "To Create"

^{1:21} Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and **receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.**

^{2:23} (quoting Genesis 15:6)
"Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"

100% of our Righteousness is a Gift from God.
Jesus Plus Nothing.

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Justified #2 - "To Authenticate"

22:16b "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will surely bless you,

^{2:24} You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone.

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The Results of Righteousness

*22 You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was **completed** by his works...*

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

Our behavior doesn't impact our Righteousness; Our Righteousness impacts our Behavior

"...faith can be no more separated from works than the sun from his heat." - John Calvin

"We are saved by faith alone, but not a faith that remains alone." - Reformation

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WHY “should” I?

Ephesians 2:8

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast.¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

1) ReCreated:
“Law of Liberty” - it is who you are and will make you come alive.

2) Thanksgiving
Genesis 15 with God walking between the pieces for us

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WHAT “should” I?

Some come from a place as spiritual orphans and need to receive the finished work of Christ.

Some come from a place of spiritual burden and need to simply rest in the finished work of Christ.

Some come from a place of self-autonomy and need to accept Jesus’ proposal to live upward and outward.

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