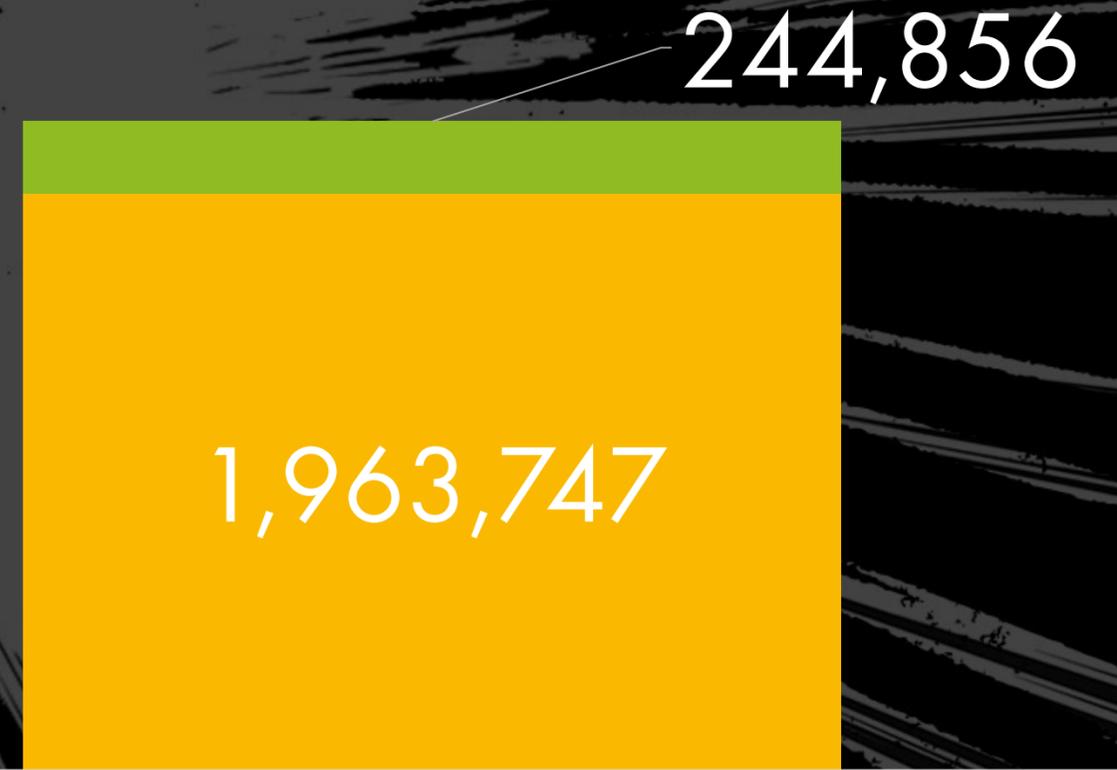


PROJECT TECH

■ Total Goal ■ Total Intentions Made



TOTAL GOAL



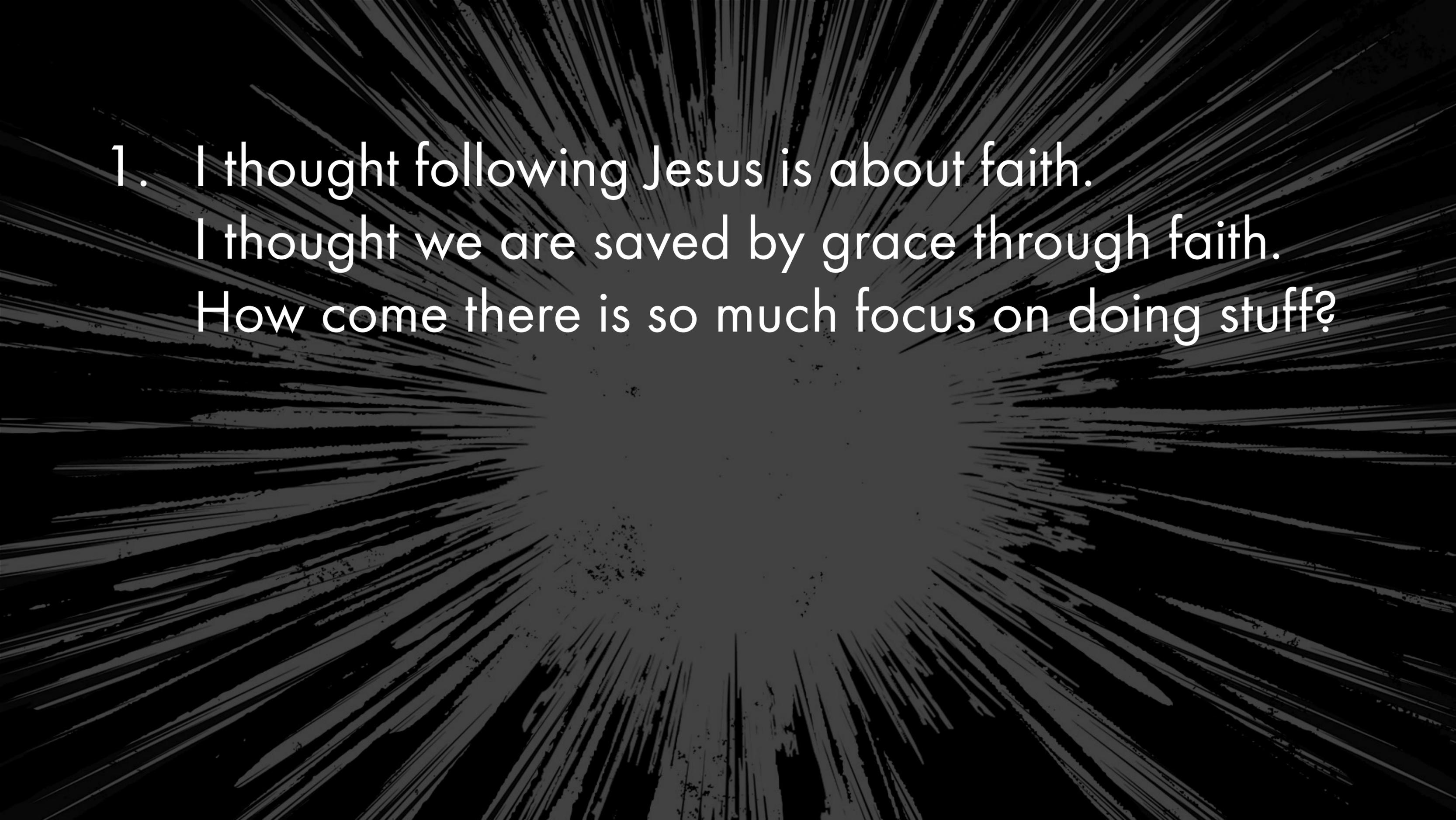
TOTAL INTENTIONS + GIFTS



FEAT

IN ACTION

Hard Lessons from **JAMES**



1. I thought following Jesus is about faith.
I thought we are saved by grace through faith.
How come there is so much focus on doing stuff?

1. I thought following Jesus is about faith.
I thought we are saved by grace through faith.
How come there is so much focus on doing stuff?

2. What if I fail to do all this stuff?
What if I come up short?
Will God punish me?
Do I lose my salvation?

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have **faith (*pistis*)** but has no **deeds (*ergon*)**? Can such **faith (*pistis*)** save them? ¹⁵ Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. ¹⁶ If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? ¹⁷ In the same way, **faith (*pistis*)** by itself, if it is not accompanied by **action (*ergon*)**, is dead.

James 2:14-17 (NIV)

¹⁸ But someone will say, “You have **faith (*pistis*)**;
I have **deeds (*ergon*)**.”

Show me your **faith (*pistis*)** without deeds (*ergon*),
and I will show you my **faith (*pistis*)** by my **deeds
(*ergon*)**. ¹⁹ You **believe (*pisteuō*)** that there is one
God. Good! Even the demons **believe (*pisteuō*)**
that—and shudder.

James 2:18-19 (NIV)

20 You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith (*pistis*) without deeds (*ergon*) is useless?

21 Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did (*ek ergon*) when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? 22 You see that his faith (*pistis*) and his actions (*ergon*) were working together, and his faith (*pistis*) was made complete by what he did (*ek ergon*).

James 2:20-22 (NIV)

²³ And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham **believed (pisteuō)** God, and it was credited to him as righteousness," and he was called God's friend.

²⁴ You see that a person is considered righteous **by what they do (ek ergon)** and not **by faith (ek pistis)** alone.

James 2:23-24 (NIV)

25 In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous **for what she did (ek ergon)** when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction? 26 As the body without the spirit is dead, so **faith (pistis) without deeds (ergon)** is dead.

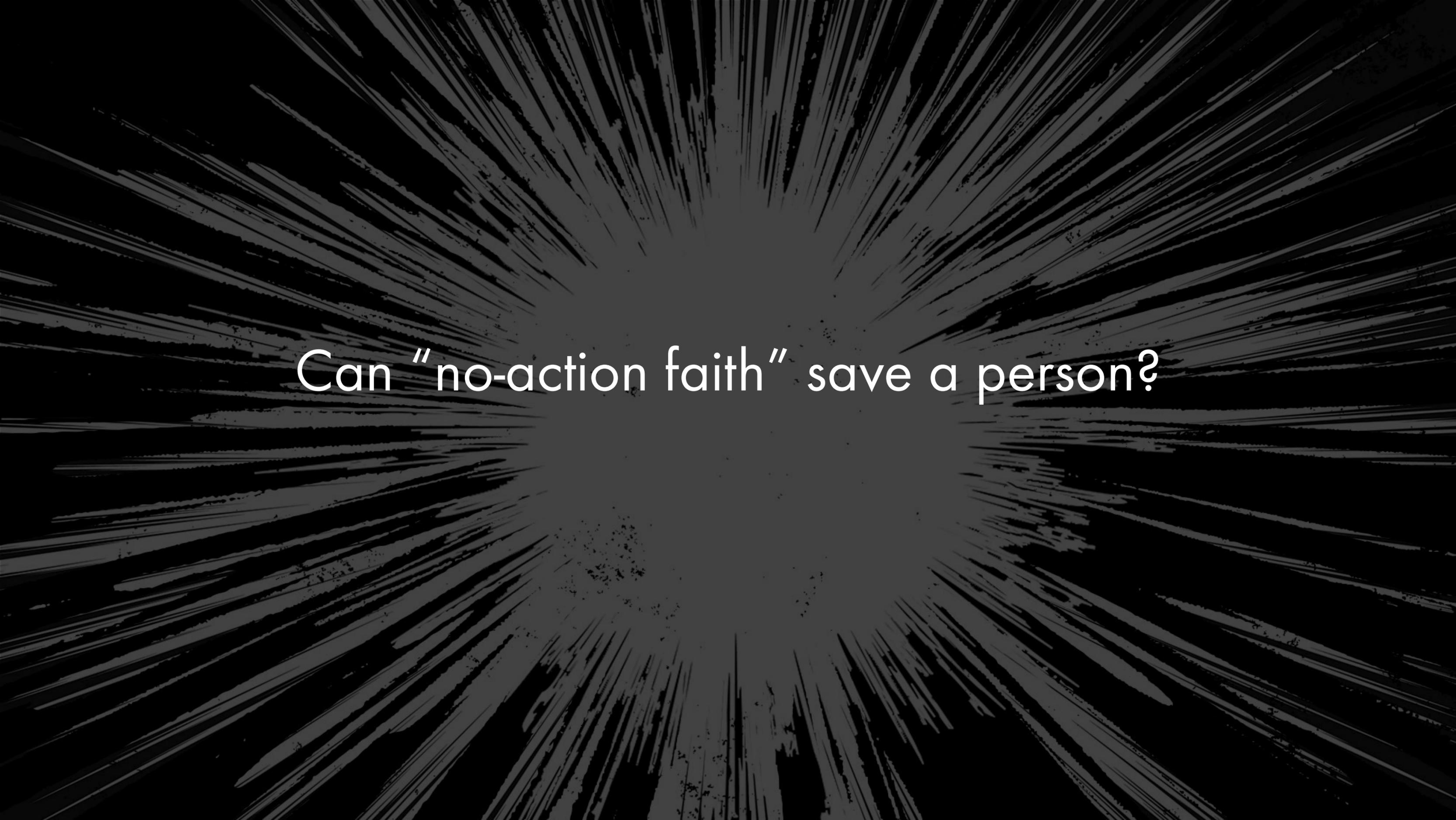
James 2:25-26 (NIV)

faith (*pistis*)
believe (*pisteuō*)
deed, action (*ergon*)

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have **faith (*pistis*)** but has no **deeds (*ergon*)**? Can such **faith (*pistis*)** save them? ¹⁵ Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. ¹⁶ If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? ¹⁷ In the same way, **faith (*pistis*)** by itself, if it is not accompanied by **action (*ergon*)**, is dead. ¹⁸ But someone will say, "You have **faith (*pistis*)**; I have **deeds (*ergon*)**." Show me your **faith (*pistis*)** without **deeds (*ergon*)**, and I will show you my **faith (*pistis*)** by my **deeds (*ergon*)**. ¹⁹ You **believe (*pisteuō*)** that there is one God. Good! Even the demons **believe (*pisteuō*)** that—and shudder. ²⁰ You foolish person, do you want evidence that **faith (*pistis*)** without **deeds (*ergon*)** is useless? ²¹ Was not our father Abraham considered righteous **for what he did (*ek ergon*)** when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? ²² You see that his **faith (*pistis*)** and his **actions (*ergon*)** were working together, and his faith **faith (*pistis*)** was made complete **by what he did (*ek ergon*)**. ²³ And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham **believed (*pisteuō*)** God, and it was credited to him as righteousness," and he was called God's friend. ²⁴ You see that a person is considered righteous **by what they do (*ek ergon*)** and not **by faith (*ek pistis*)** alone. ²⁵ In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous **for what she did (*ek ergon*)** when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction? ²⁶ As the body without the spirit is dead, so **faith (*pistis*)** without **deeds (*ergon*)** is dead.

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith (*pistis*) but has no deeds (*ergon*)? Can such faith (*pistis*) save them?

James 2:14 (NIV)

The background consists of numerous thin, dark lines radiating from a central point, creating a strong sense of depth and perspective, similar to a tunnel or a starburst effect. The lines are slightly blurred and vary in length, giving it a dynamic, almost vibrating appearance.

Can "no-action faith" save a person?

¹⁵ Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. ¹⁶ If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?

James 2:15-16 (NIV)

¹⁵ Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. ¹⁶ If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? ¹⁷ In the same way, faith (*pistis*) by itself, if it is not accompanied by action (*ergon*), is dead.

James 2:15-17 (NIV)



No-Action
Faith

vs

Action-Required
Faith

¹⁸ But someone will say, "You have faith (*pistis*); I have deeds (*ergon*)."
Show me your faith (*pistis*) without deeds (*ergon*), and I will show you my faith (*pistis*) by my deeds (*ergon*).

James 2:18 (NIV)

¹⁸ But someone will say, "You have faith (*pistis*); I have deeds (*ergon*)."

Show me your faith (*pistis*) without deeds (*ergon*), and I will show you my faith (*pistis*) by my deeds (*ergon*). ¹⁹ You believe (*pisteuō*) that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe (*pisteuō*) that—and shudder.

James 2:18-19 (NIV)

²⁰ You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith (*pistis*) without deeds (*ergon*) is useless?

vv. 21-24 Abraham (Genesis 15, 22)

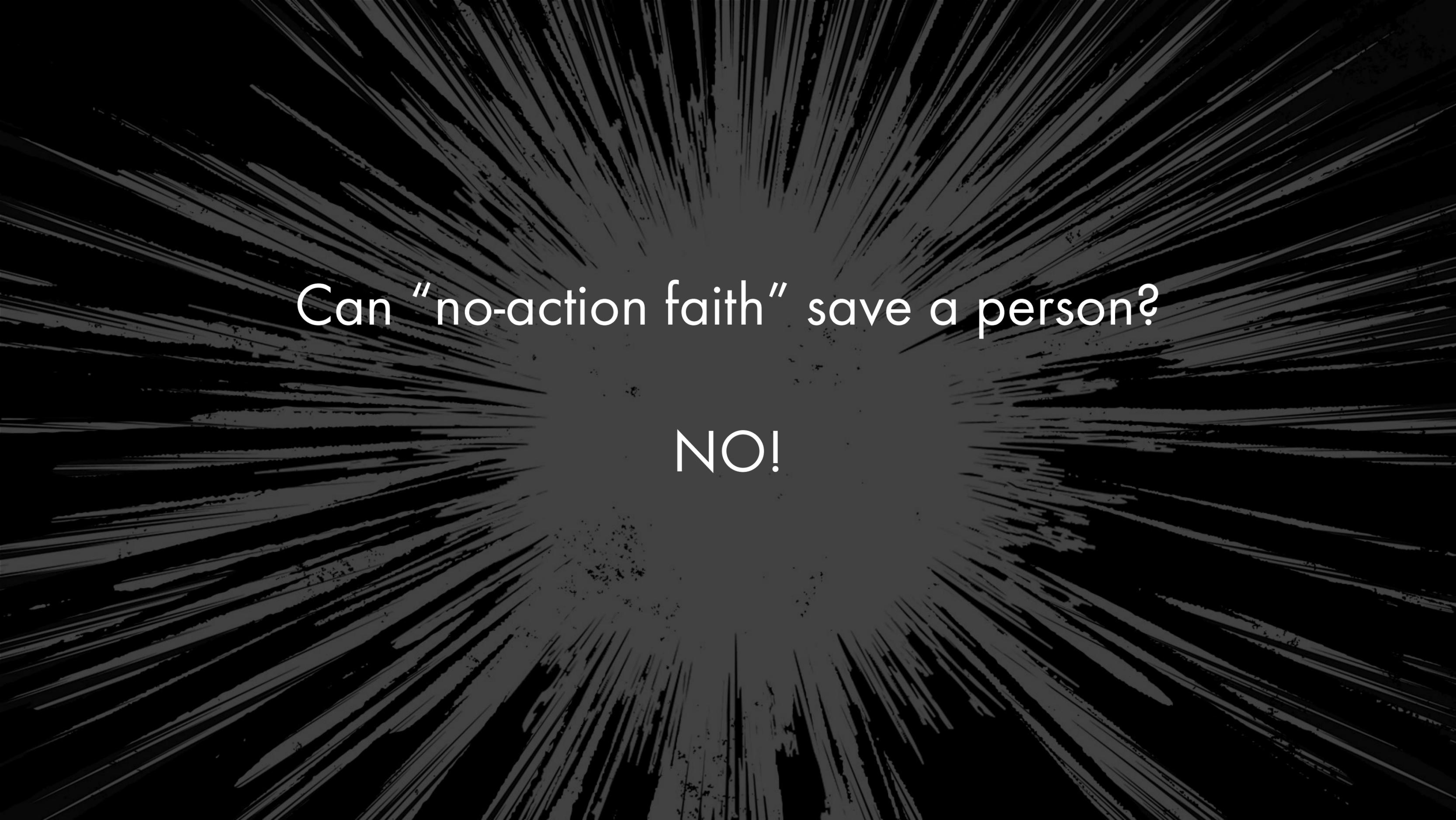
vv. 25-26 Rahab (Joshua 2)

James 2:20 (NIV)

²⁴ You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do (*ek ergon*) and not by faith (*ek pistis*) alone.

²⁶ As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith (*pistis*) without deeds (*ergon*) is dead.

James 2:24, 26 (NIV)



Can "no-action faith" save a person?

NO!

Faith in a statement

I agree that...

- Ottawa is the capital of Canada
- God exists
- Jesus is the Son of God

Faith in a statement

I agree that...

- Ottawa is the capital of Canada
- God exists
- Jesus is the Son of God

Action [none]

Faith in a chair

I agree that...

The chair will support my weight

Faith in a chair

I agree that...

The chair will support my weight

Action

[I sit on the chair]

Faith in my barber

I agree that... She will do a great job cutting my hair

Faith in my barber

I agree that...

She will do a great job cutting my hair

Action

[I sit in front of her]

[I take my glasses off]

[I let her cut my hair]

Faith in my friend running for City Council

I agree that... My friend will be great on the Council

Faith in my friend running for City Council

I agree that... My friend will be great on the Council

Action

[I vote for them]

[I donate]

[I persuade others]

Faith in Jesus Christ
or Faith in Jesus as the Christ

I agree that... Jesus is the Christ

Faith in Jesus Christ
or Faith in Jesus as the Christ

I agree that... Jesus is the Christ:

- Son of God
- Final King of the Universe

Faith in Jesus Christ or Faith in Jesus as the Christ

I agree that...

Jesus is the Christ:

- Son of God
- Final King of the Universe
- His death unites a people to himself
- Forgiveness
- Salvation from Sin and Death

Faith in Jesus Christ or Faith in Jesus as the Christ

I agree that...

Jesus is the Christ:

- Son of God
- Final King of the Universe
- His death unites a people to himself
- Forgiveness
- Salvation from Sin and Death
- Transformed and empowered for mission

Faith in Jesus Christ
or Faith in Jesus as the Christ

I agree that... Jesus is the Christ

Action [I pledge allegiance to Jesus as the Christ]

Faith in Jesus Christ
or Faith in Jesus as the Christ

I agree that... Jesus is the Christ

Action [I pledge allegiance to Jesus as the Christ]

[I prioritize my transformation]

[I prioritize God's mission to the world]

1. I thought following Jesus is about faith.
I thought we are saved by grace through faith.
How come there is so much focus on doing stuff?

2. What if I fail to do all this stuff?
What if I fall short?
Will God punish me?
Do I lose my salvation?

¹⁵ Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. ¹⁶ If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? ¹⁷ In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

James 2:15-17 (NIV)



NEXT
STEPS

FOOD INSECURITY CRASH COURSE

Thursday, April 4, 6:30 PM | Brader Way

Register at blackhawk.church/learn