

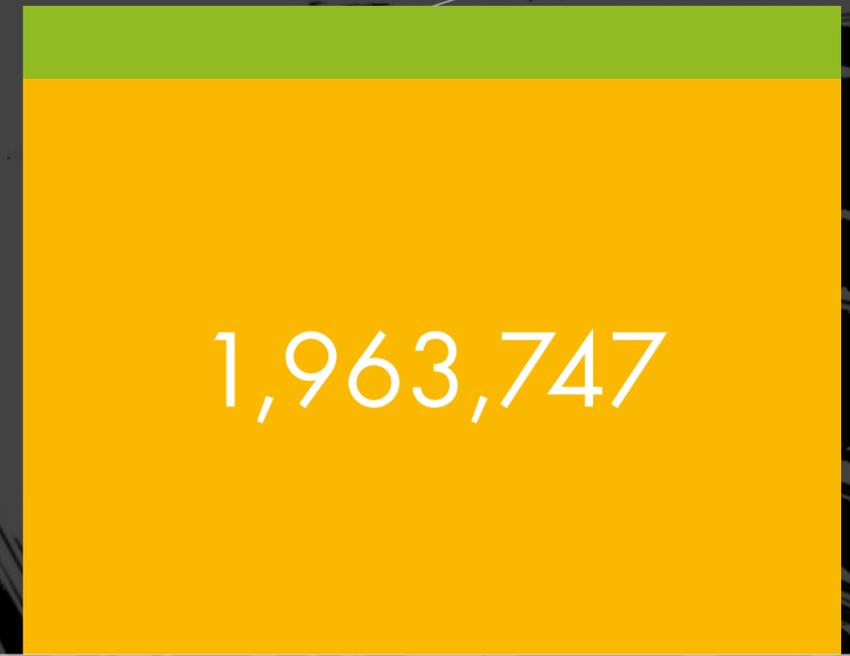
# PROJECT TECH

■ Total Goal    ■ Total Intentions Made



3,500,000

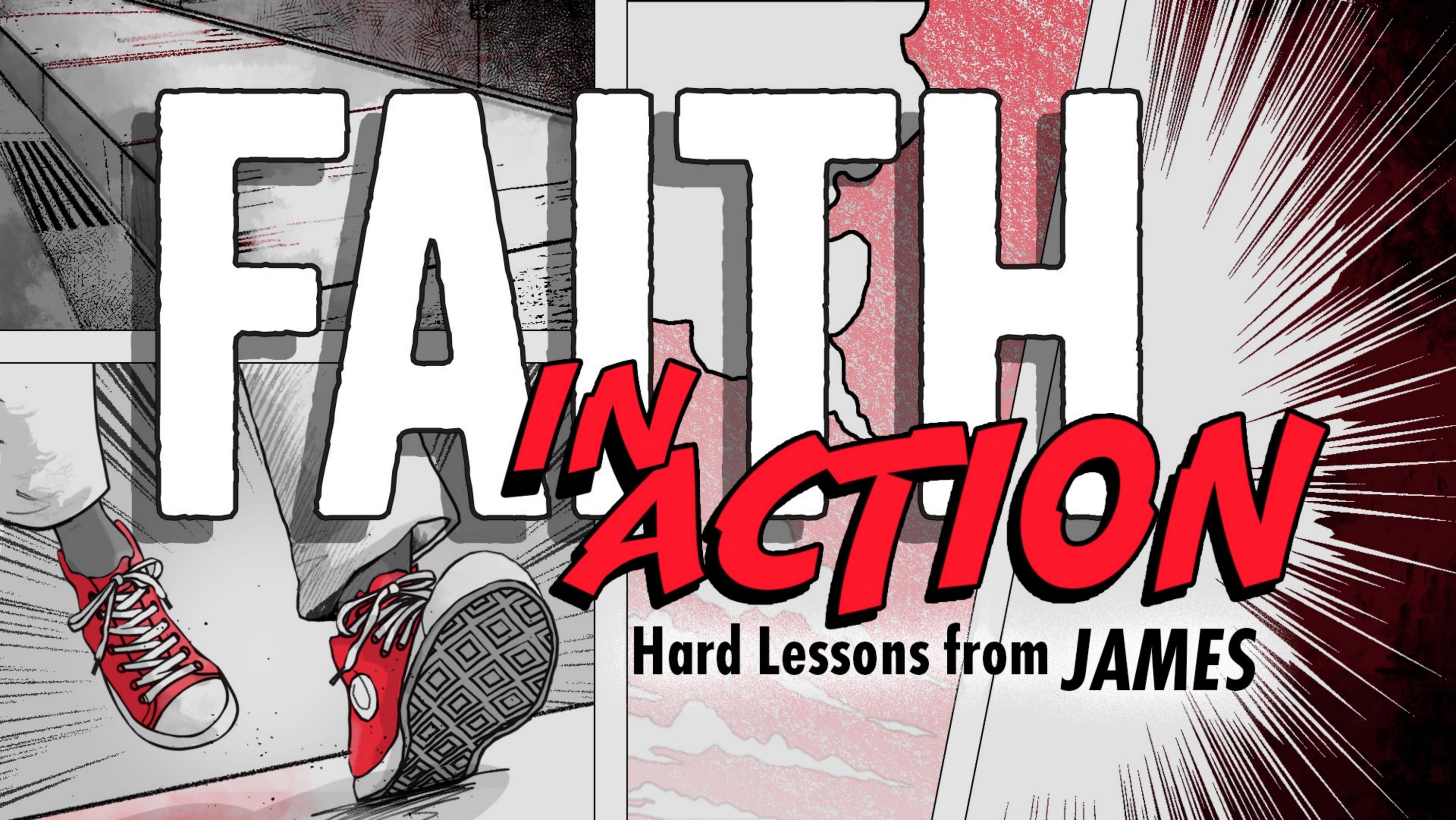
TOTAL GOAL



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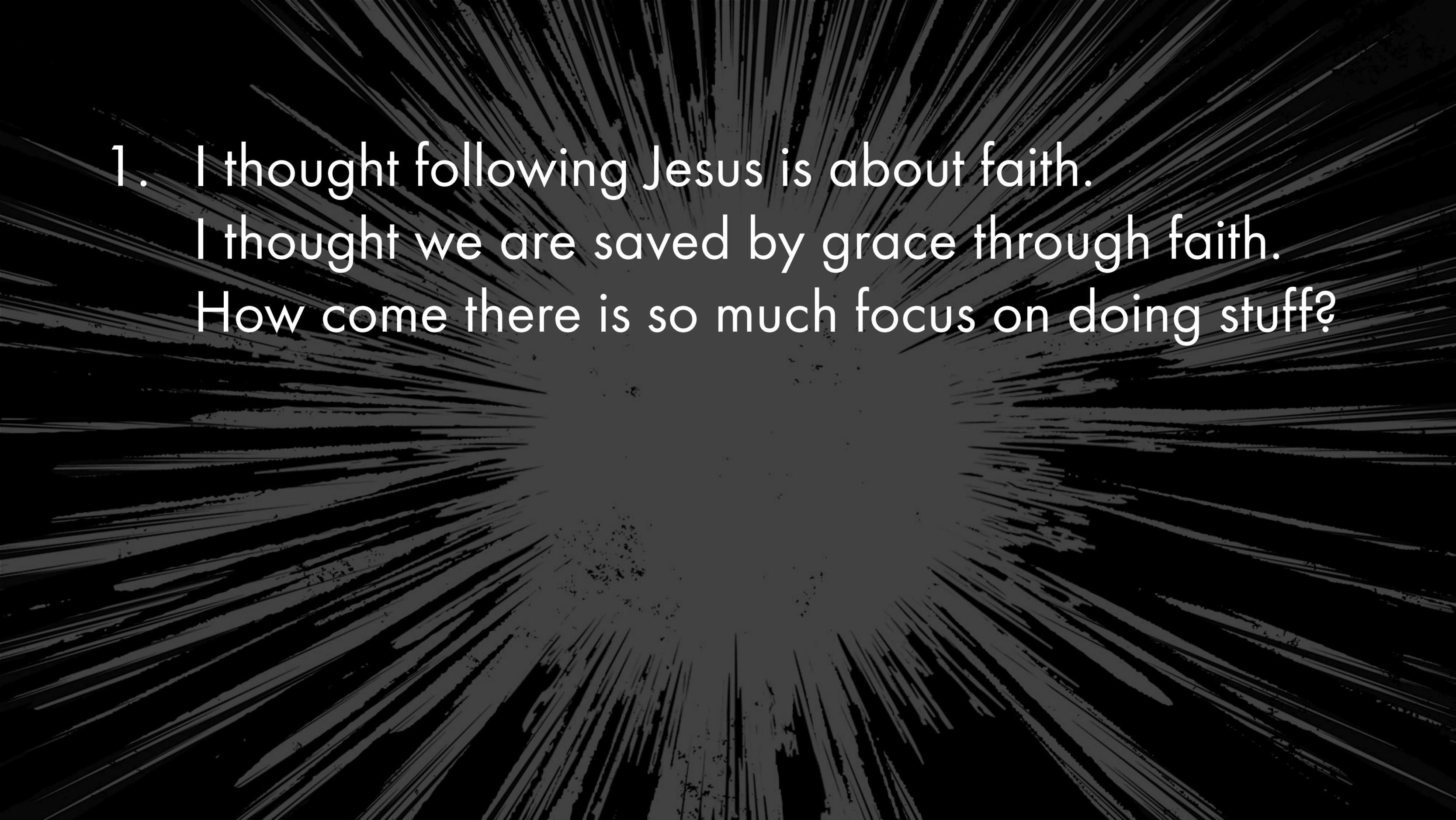
244,856

TOTAL INTENTIONS + GIFTS



# FEAR IN ACTION

Hard Lessons from **JAMES**



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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.

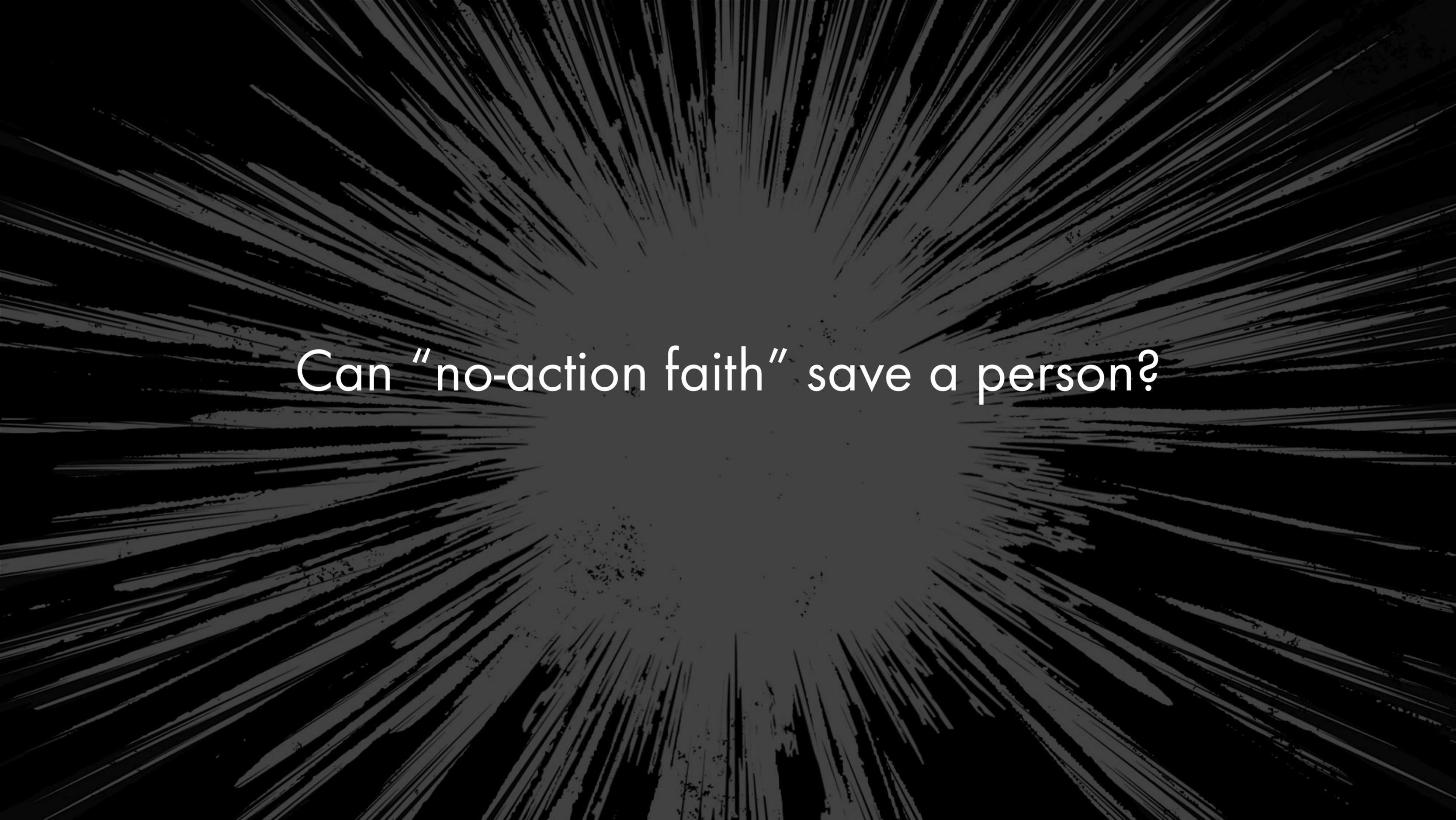
James 2:25-26 (NIV)

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

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No-Action  
Faith

vs

Action-Required  
Faith

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

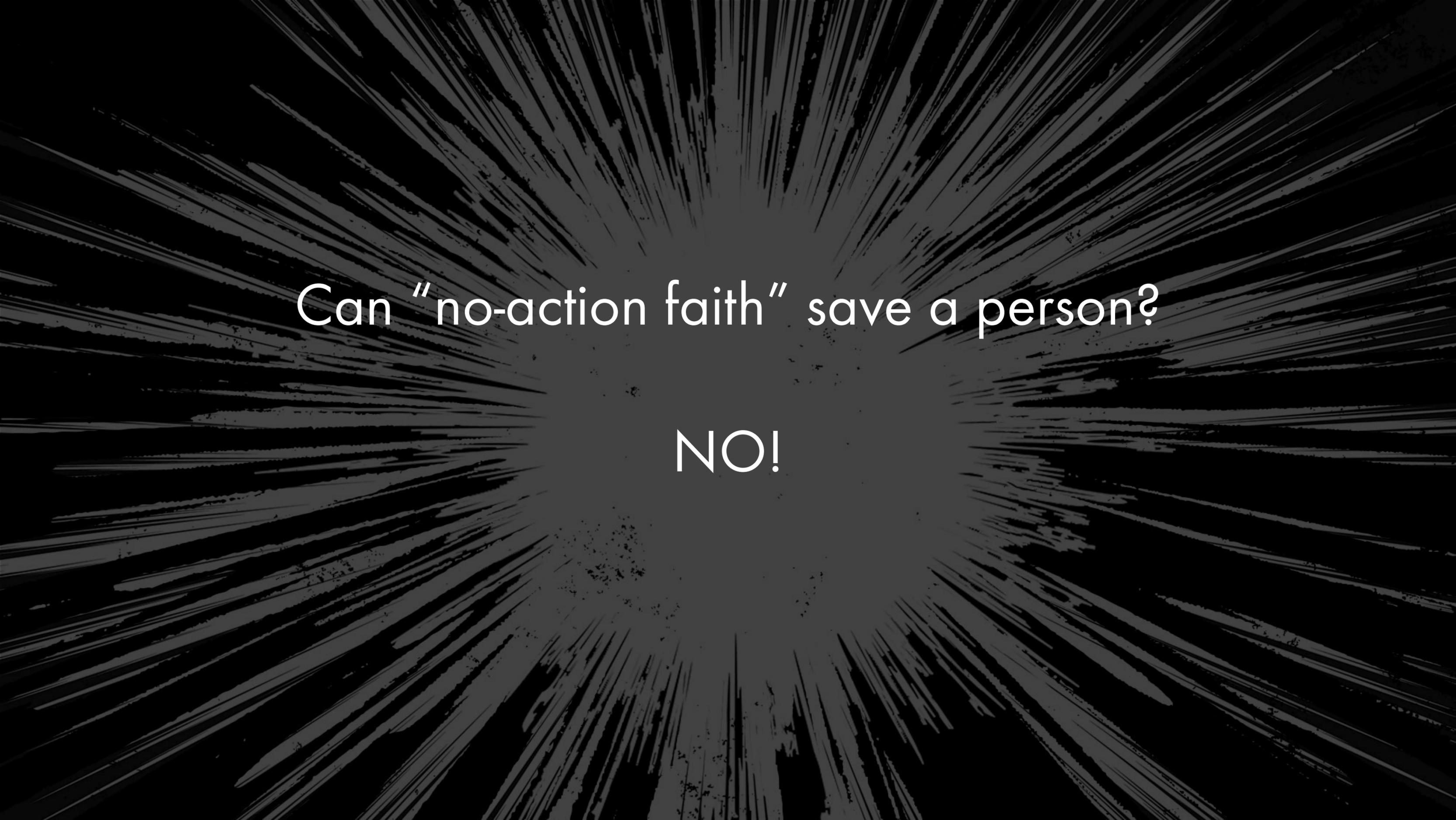
vv. 25-26 Rahab (Joshua 2)

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James 2:24, 26 (NIV)



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NO!

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*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*

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*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:

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*I agree that...*

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- 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...*

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- 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]

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[I prioritize my transformation]

[I prioritize God's mission to the world]

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NEXT  
STEPS

**FOOD INSECURITY CRASH COURSE**

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

Register at [blackhawk.church/learn](https://blackhawk.church/learn)