



# Faith that Acts

James 2:15-24

What does it **mean**  
to **believe** in God?

# James: **Keep the Faith** ###

- Stands the **Test** (1:2-12)
- Demands a **Change** of Heart (1:19-25)
- Loves **Impartially** (2:5-9)
- **Acts** (2:15-24)

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**.

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

Show me your faith **without** deeds,  
and I will show you my faith **by** my deeds.

19 You believe that there is **one God**. Good!  
Even the **demons** believe that — and shudder.

James 2:18-19 (NIV) (p. 2/5)

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

21 Was not our father **Abraham** considered **righteous** for what he did when he **offered** his son Isaac on the altar?

James 2:20-21 (NIV) (p. 3/5)

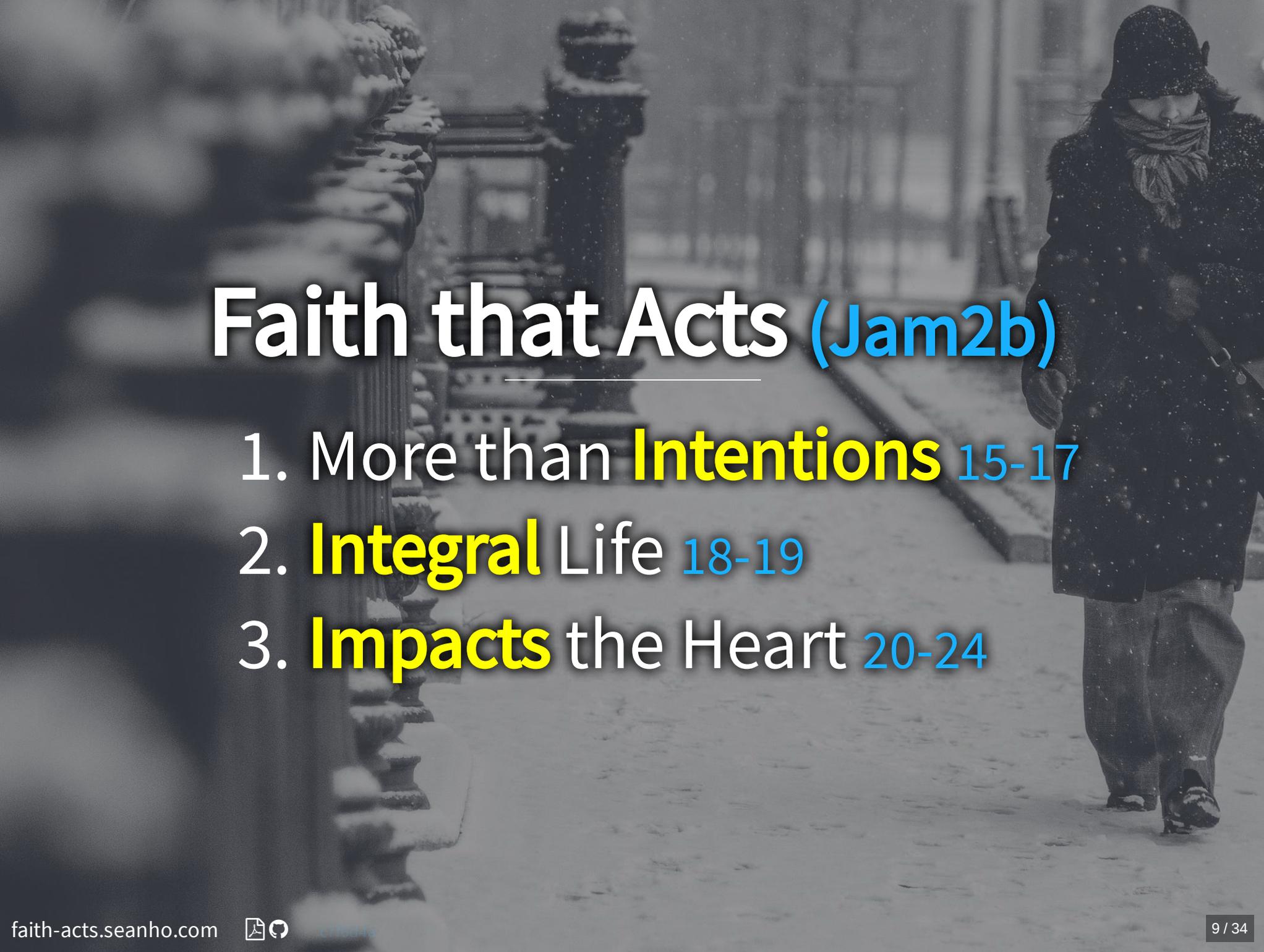
22 You see that his **faith** and his **actions** were working **together**, and his faith was made **complete** by what he **did**.

23 And the scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham **believed** God, and it was credited to him as **righteousness**,” and he was called God’s **friend**.

James 2:22-23 (NIV) (p. 4/5)

24 You see that a person is considered **righteous** by what they **do** and not by faith **alone**.

James 2:24 (NIV) (p. 5/5)



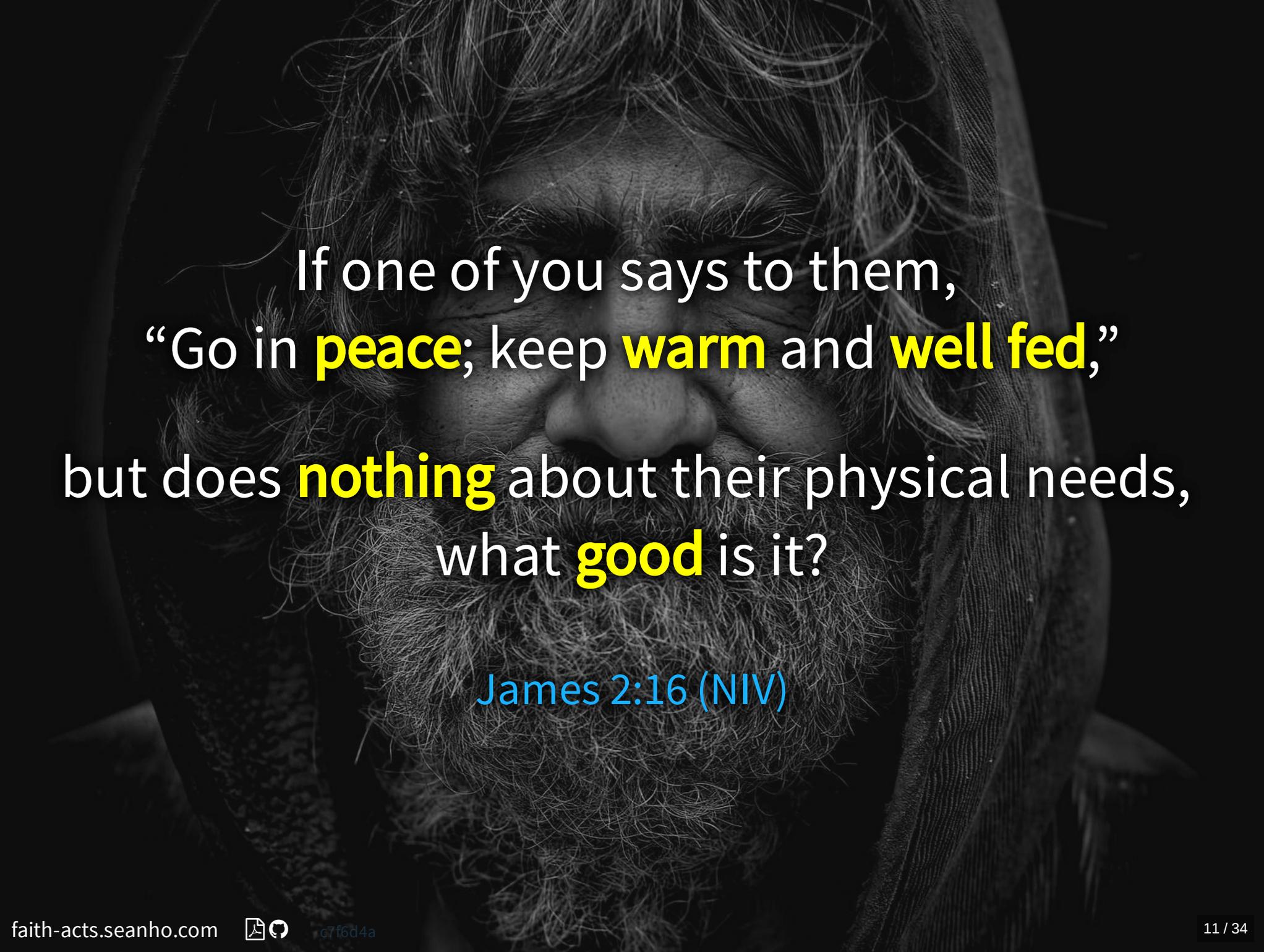
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2. **Integral** Life 18-19
3. **Impacts** the Heart 20-24



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James 2:15 (NIV)



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 2:16 (NIV)

In the same way, **faith** by itself, if it is not accompanied by **action**, is **dead**.

James 2:16 (NIV)

The Book of  
**PSALMS**

PSALM 2  
GOD'S SON SHALL REIGN

**W**HY do the heathen rage,  
and the people imagine  
in vain?

They say,  
We will possess the earth  
forever,  
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for ever.

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There was a man who had **two sons**.

He went to the **first** and said,  
“Son, go and **work** today in the vineyard.”

**29** “I will **not**,” he answered,  
but later he **changed** his mind and **went**.

Matthew 21:28-29 (NIV) (p. 1/2)

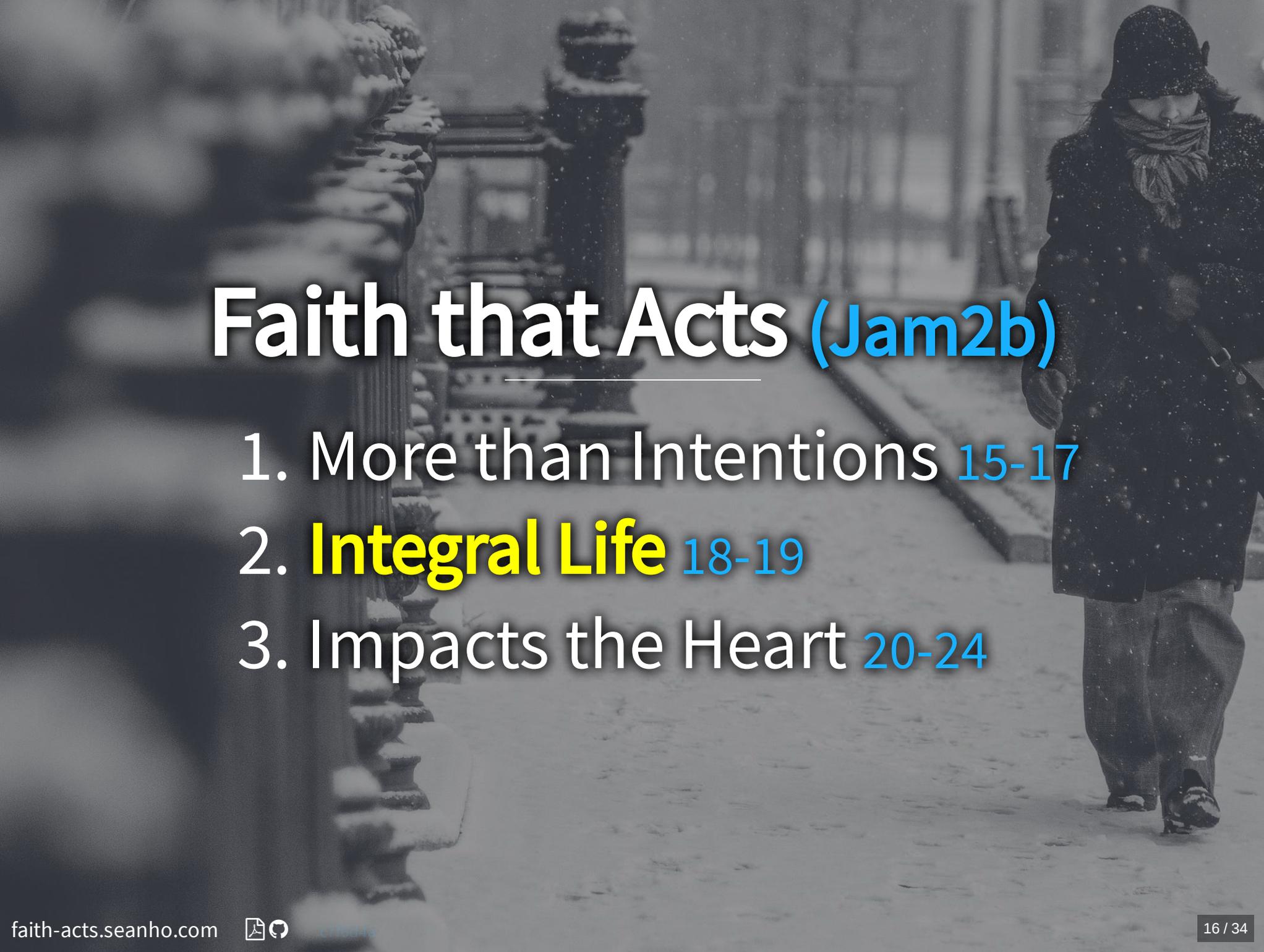
30 Then the father went to the **other** son and said the **same** thing.

He answered, “I **will**, sir,” but he did **not** go.

31 **Which** of the two did what his father wanted?

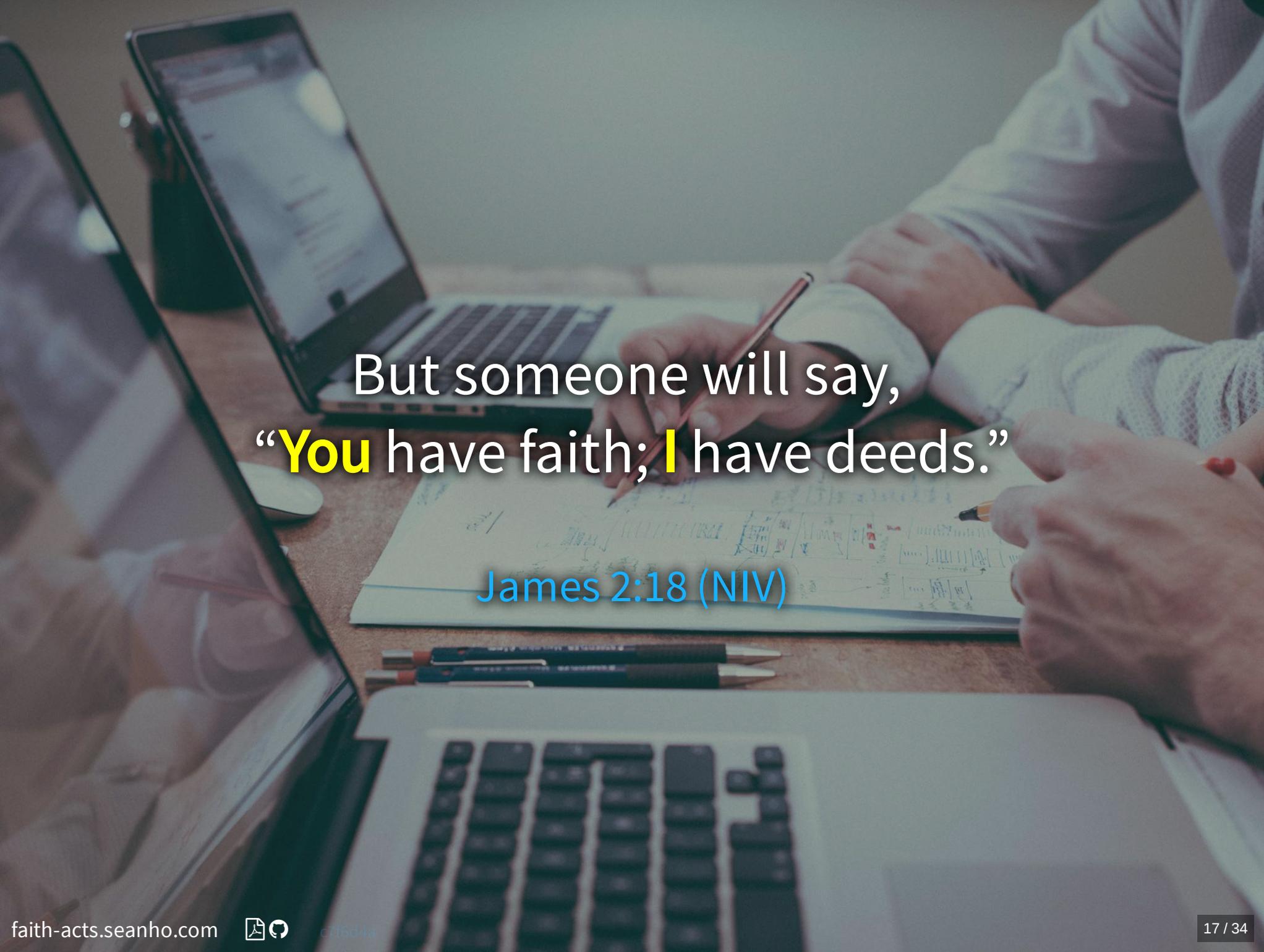
Matthew 21:30-31 (NIV) (p. 2/2)

What **promises**  
have I made to God  
without **action**?



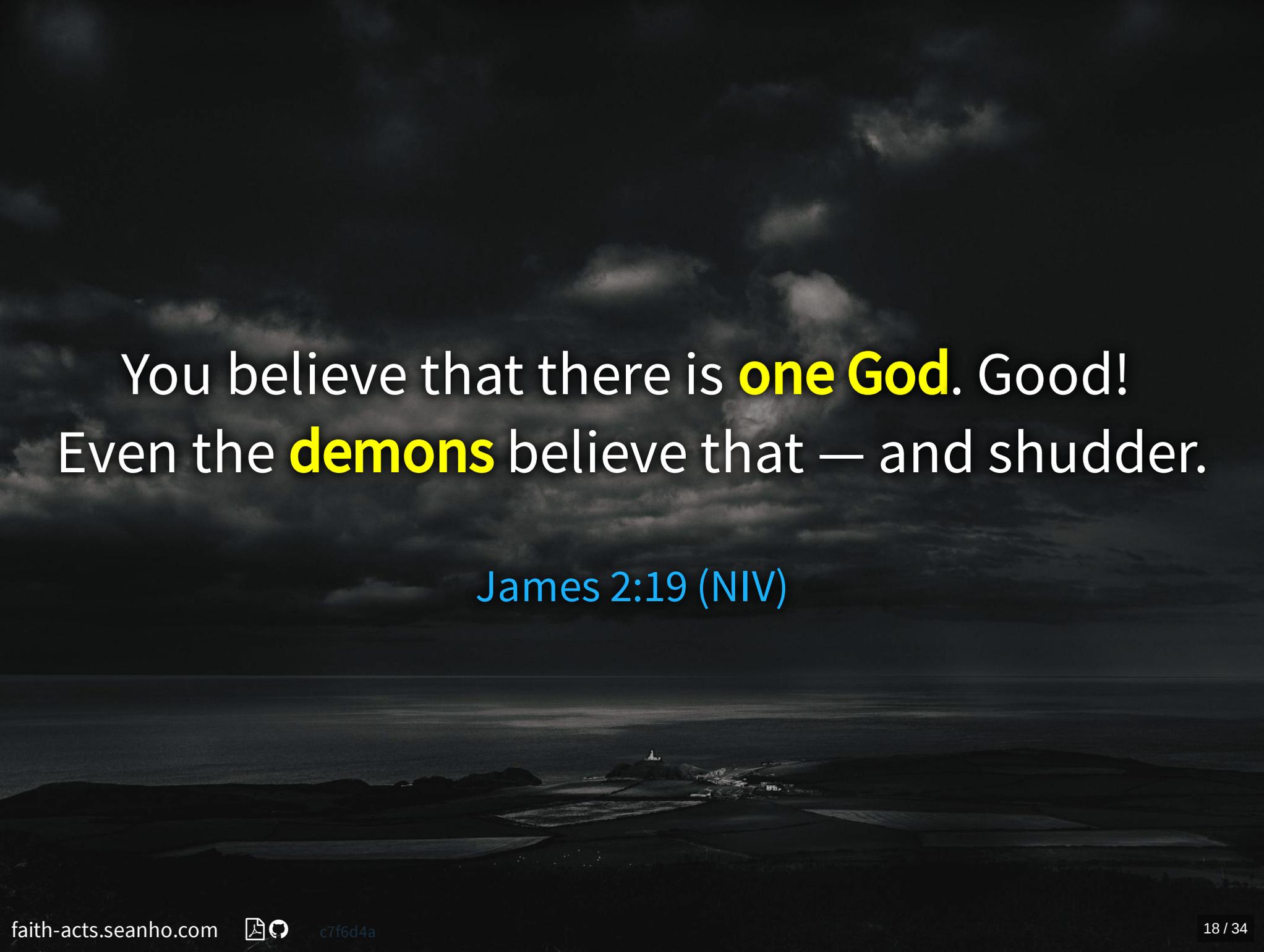
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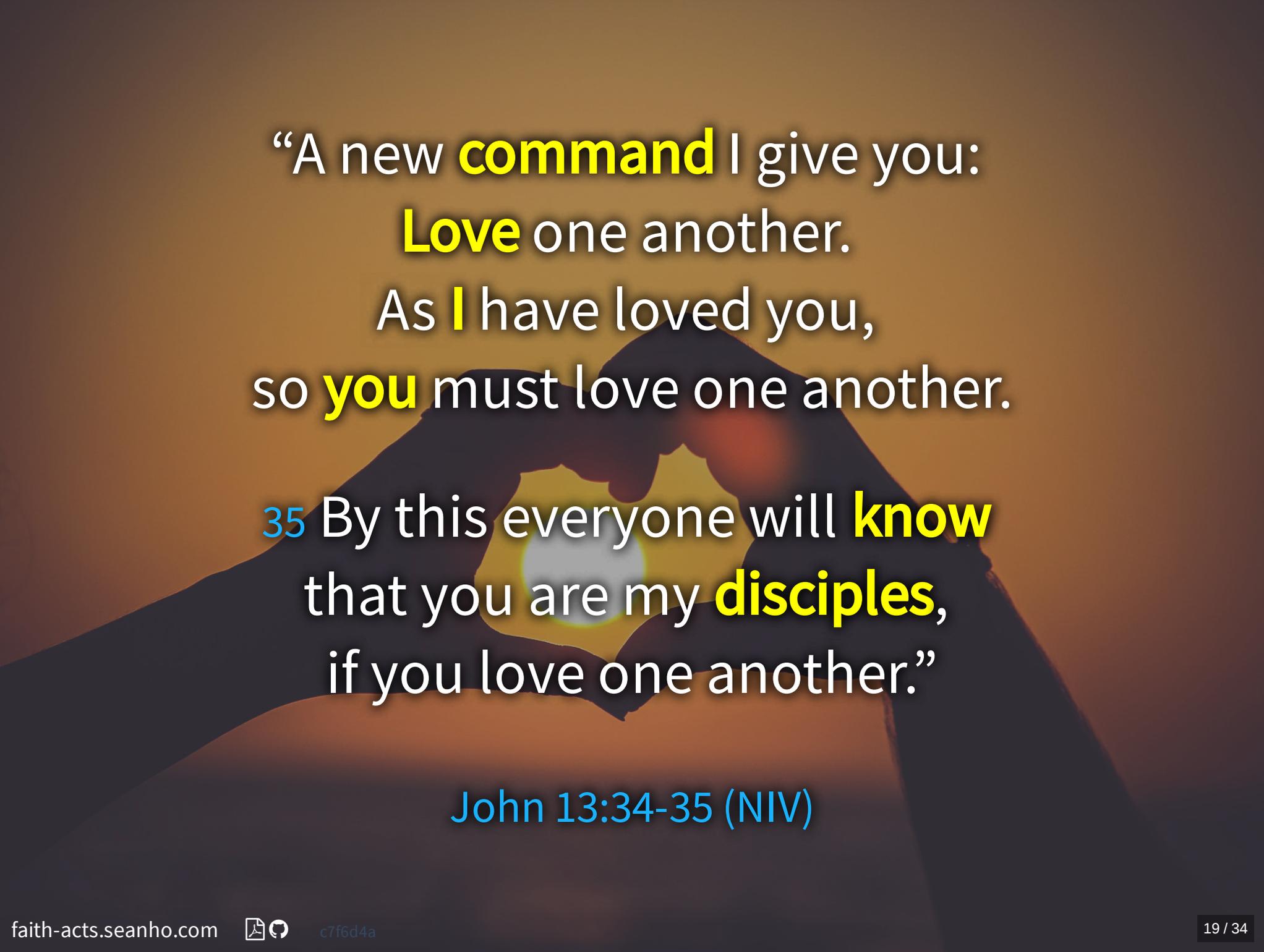
But someone will say,  
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James 2:18 (NIV)



You believe that there is **one God**. Good!  
Even the **demons** believe that — and shudder.

James 2:19 (NIV)

The background of the slide features a close-up of two hands, one from the left and one from the right, gently cupping a glowing, golden heart. The heart is the brightest point in the image, with a soft, ethereal light radiating from it. The hands are silhouetted against a warm, orange-brown gradient background that transitions from a darker shade at the top to a lighter, more vibrant orange at the bottom. The overall mood is one of love, care, and spiritual warmth.

“A new **command** I give you:  
**Love** one another.  
As **I** have loved you,  
so **you** must love one another.

**35** By this everyone will **know**  
that you are my **disciples**,  
if you love one another.”

John 13:34-35 (NIV)

Have I focused  
on **doctrine** and  
neglected **action**?

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Was not our father **Abraham**  
considered **righteous** for what he did  
when he **offered** his son Isaac on the altar?

James 2:21 (NIV)

After this, the word of the Lord  
came to Abram in a vision:

“Do not be afraid, Abram.  
I am your **shield**, your very great **reward**.”

Genesis 15:1 (NIV) (p. 1/4)

2 But Abram said, “Sovereign Lord, what can you **give** me since I remain **childless** and the one who will **inherit** my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?”

4 Then the word of the Lord came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a **son** who is your own flesh and blood will be your **heir.**”

Genesis 15:2,4 (NIV) (p. 2/4)

He took him outside and said,  
“Look up at the **sky** and count the **stars**  
– if indeed you can **count** them.”

Then he said to him,  
“So shall your **offspring** be.”

Genesis 15:5 (NIV) (p. 3/4)

Abram **believed** the Lord,  
and he **credited** it to him as **righteousness**.

Genesis 15:6 (NIV) (p. 4/4)

You see that a person is considered **righteous**  
by what they **do** and not by faith **alone**.

James 2:24 (NIV)

# Abram's Sojourn of Faith

- God's **Promise** (ch15)
- Abram's **Impatience** (ch16)
- God's **Covenant** (ch17)
- God's **Faithfulness** (ch21)
- Abraham's **Faith** Completed (ch22)



Then God said,  
“Take your **son**, your **only** son,  
whom you **love** – **Isaac** –  
and go to the region of Moriah.

**Sacrifice** him there as a **burnt offering**  
on a mountain I will show you.”

Genesis 22:2 (NIV)

You see that his **faith** and his **actions**  
were working **together**,  
and his faith was made **complete**  
by what he **did**.

James 2:22 (NIV)

Scripture foresaw that God would **justify** the Gentiles **by faith**, and announced the **gospel** in advance to Abraham:

“**All nations** will be **blessed** through you.”

9 So those who **rely on faith** are **blessed** along with Abraham, the **man of faith**.

Galatians 3:8-9 (NIV)

What must I  
**relinquish** to God  
in obedient **faith**?

A person wearing a dark winter coat, a hat, and a scarf is walking through a snowy landscape. The background shows a stone railing and a building in the distance. The scene is overcast and snowy.

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and his faith was made **complete**  
by what he **did**.

James 2:22 (NIV)

