



Introduction:

Hebrews 11 reminds us that it is impossible to please God without faith. In a world filled with uncertainty lying around every corner, that can be difficult. So, how can we keep the faith when we get weary? In this series, we're encouraged that our faith is not about perfection, but practice. God will not remember your sin, but he will never forget your faith.

Scripture:

Don't you remember that our ancestor Abraham was shown to be right with God by his actions when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see, his faith and his actions worked together. His actions made his faith complete. And so it happened just as the Scriptures say: "Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith." He was even called the friend of God. So you see, we are shown to be right with God by what we do, not by faith alone.

Rahab the prostitute is another example. She was shown to be right with God by her actions when she hid those messengers and sent them safely away by a different road. Just as the body is dead without breath, so also faith is dead without good works.

James 2:21-26



Discussion Questions:

1. What is it like to be “living on the edge”? What edge have you lived on?
2. Why did Rahab take the risk that she did? Was the reward worth it? Would you be willing to take a similar risk?
3. Have you ever felt like you don't belong in the Kingdom of God? How does Rahab's story influence that feeling? If God can use someone like Rahab, how can God use someone like you?
4. What have you earned in your life? What have you been freely given? Describe the difference between those experiences.
5. Do you believe? What action does that belief inspire? If not, what is stopping you from believing?