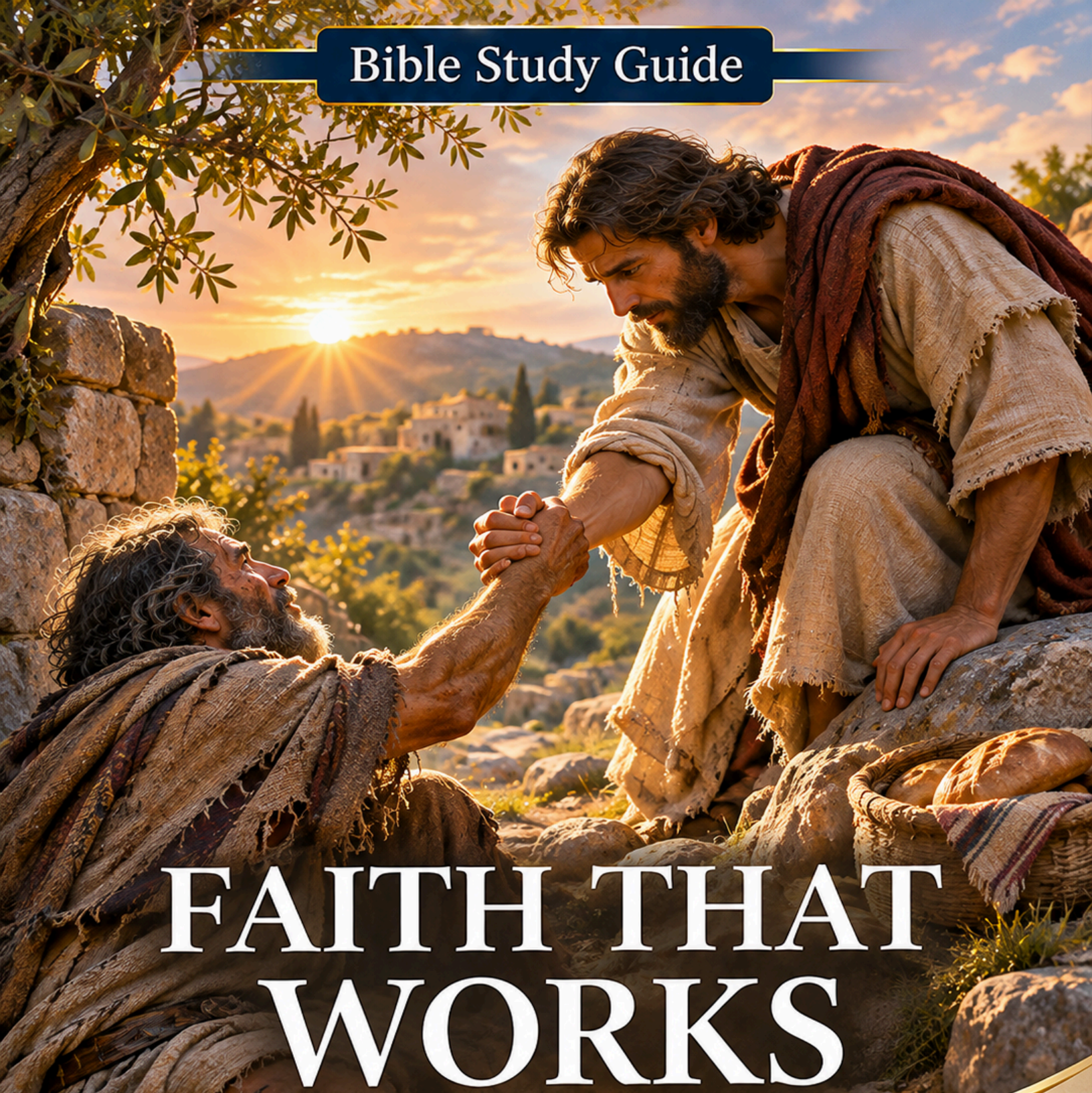
Bible Study Guide



FAITH THAT WORKS

A Bible Study on Living Faith, Obedience, and the Fruit of Righteousness

Introduction

A farmer who believes the ground can produce a harvest does not stop at agreeing with the seed catalogue. He plants the seed, tends the soil, and waits for growth he cannot manufacture. Scripture likewise distinguishes a living faith from an inactive profession. True faith depends on God's grace and shows itself in obedient action.

Fill in the blanks from the KJV text, then read the brief explanation.

Bible Study Questions

1 **What did Jesus say His Father and He were doing?** (John 5:17)

"My Father worketh hitherto, and I _____."

God's work reveals the active character of divine love. Faith is not an excuse for spiritual idleness.

2 **How does genuine faith work?** (Galatians 5:6)

"but faith which worketh by _____."

The fruit of genuine faith is motivated by love rather than self-interest.

3 **How does James describe faith without works?** (James 2:20)

"But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is _____?"

A living faith produces obedience. A profession without corresponding fruit cannot demonstrate the reality of trust in God.

4 **What is the relationship between grace and good works?** (Ephesians 2:8-10)

"For by grace are ye saved through _____ ... For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto _____,"

Salvation is God's gift, not our achievement; obedience is the fruit of His saving work.

5 **How did Abraham respond to God's call?** (Hebrews 11:8)

"By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, _____;"

Trust in God's promise led Abraham to act before he knew the destination.

6 **What does James say happened to Abraham's faith through his works?** (James 2:22)

"Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made _____?"

Abraham's obedient response brought his faith to expression and maturity; it did not earn God's promise.

7 **What did Abraham's willingness to obey reveal?** (Genesis 22:12)

"for now I know that thou _____ God,"

Abraham's action revealed trust in God; it did not purchase God's favor.

8 **Whom did Rahab receive as an expression of her faith?** (James 2:25)

"Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the _____, and had sent them out another way?"

Rahab demonstrated trust in Israel's God by her courageous action, rather than simply professing belief.

9 **Why was Rahab spared?** (Hebrews 11:31)

"By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with _____."

Rahab's actions expressed her faith in Israel's God.

10 **How do people become God's children?** (Galatians 3:26)

"For ye are all the children of God by _____ in Christ Jesus."

God's family is entered through faith, not inherited privilege.

11 **What does James compare faith without works to a body without?** (James 2:26)

"For as the body without the _____ is dead, so faith without works is dead also."

As the body without the breath of life is dead, a profession of faith without its fruit lacks living reality.

12 **What is missing when words of goodwill are not accompanied by action?** (James 2:15-16)

"notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the _____; what doth it profit?"

James illustrates that genuine concern must respond to practical needs.

13 **By what did James say he would show his faith?** (James 2:18)

"I will shew thee my faith by my _____."

The genuineness of trust becomes visible in the actions it produces.

14 **How is the Father glorified in our lives?** (John 15:8)

"Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much _____; so shall ye be my disciples."

The fruit of abiding in Christ reveals His work to others.

15 **How do believers fulfill the law of Christ?** (Galatians 6:2)

"Bear ye one another's _____, and so fulfil the law of Christ."

Practical sympathy is one expression of Christ's love.

16 **How does James describe knowing to do good but failing to do it?** (James 4:17)

"Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is _____."

The call to obedience includes doing the good we know, not merely avoiding prohibited acts.

17 **Who is compared to a wise builder?** (Matthew 7:24)

"whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and _____ them, I will liken him unto a wise man,"

Obedience reveals that we have taken Christ's words seriously.

18 **What did Jesus describe as His meat?** (John 4:34)

"My meat is to do the _____ of him that sent me, and to finish his work."

Spiritual nourishment is experienced in doing the Father's will.

Appeal

Is your faith becoming visible in the ordinary responsibilities God has given you? Will you trust Him enough to act upon His Word?

Commitment

I choose to trust Christ for salvation and allow my faith to become visible through loving obedience and practical service.

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