



# Faith that Acts

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## 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)

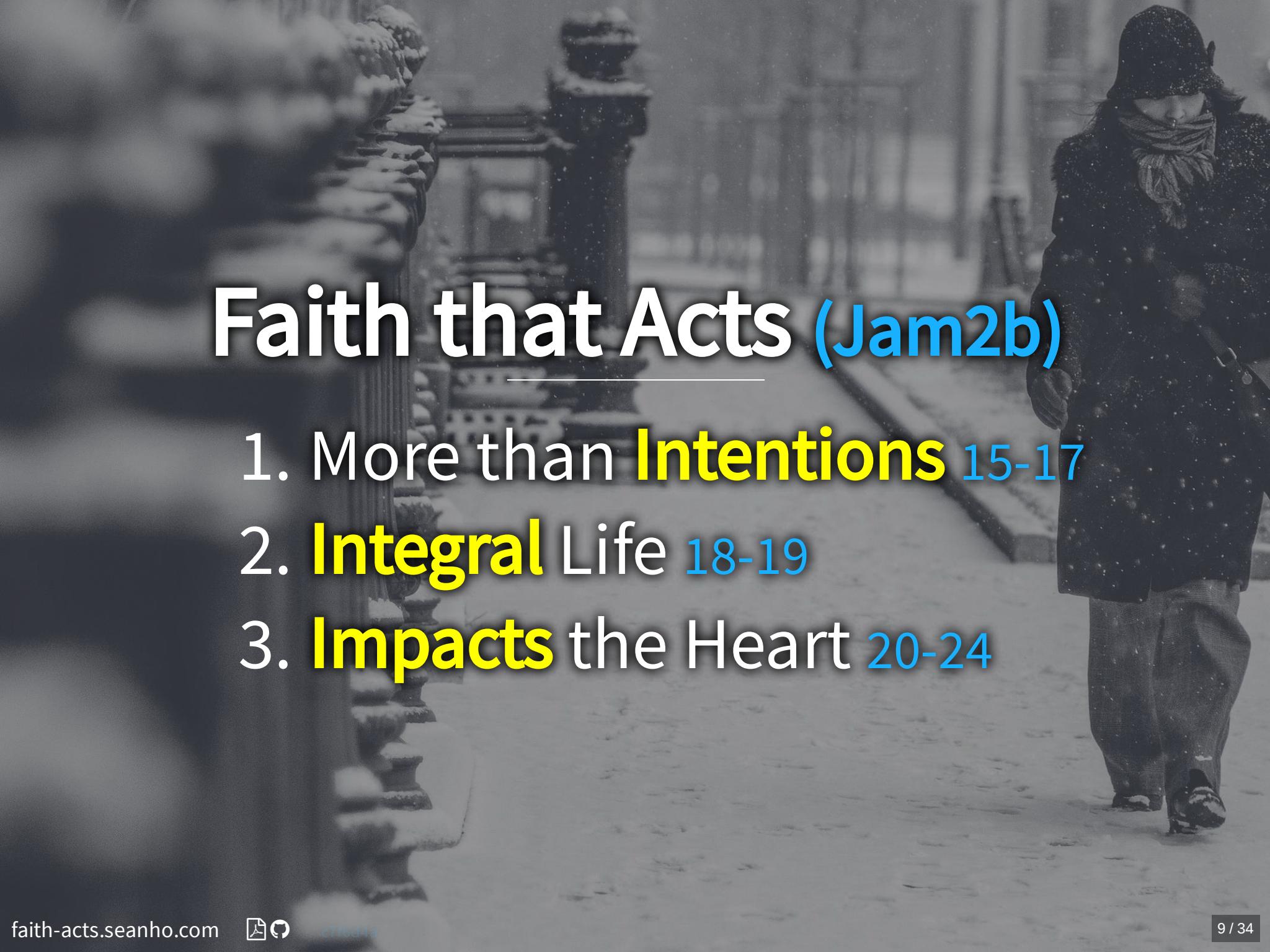
22 You see that his **faith** and his **actions**  
were working **together**,  
and his faith was made **complete**  
by what he **did**.

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)



# Faith that Acts (Jam2b)

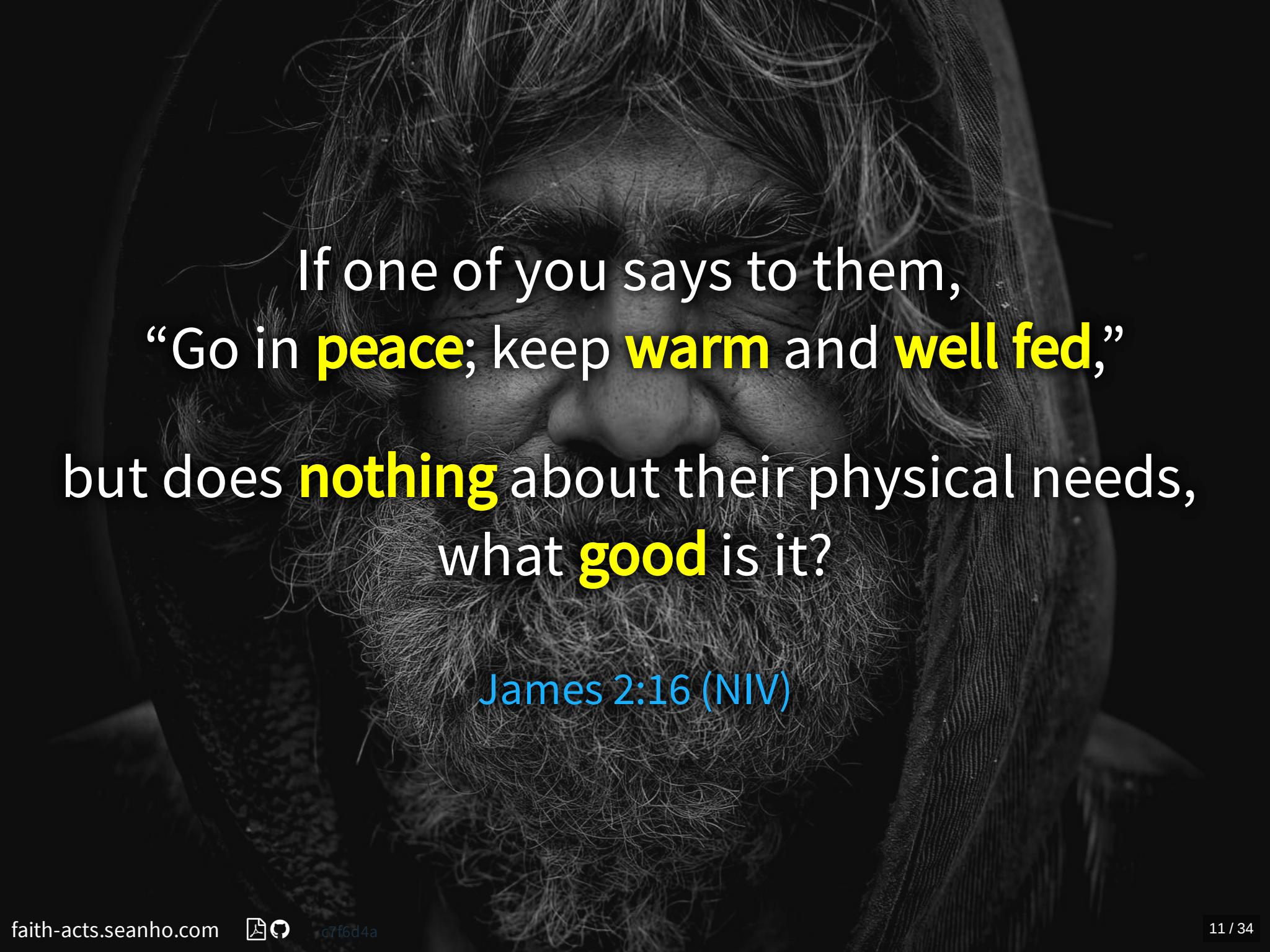
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1. More than **Intentions** 15-17
2. **Integral** Life 18-19
3. **Impacts** the Heart 20-24



Suppose a brother or a sister is  
without **clothes** and daily **food**.

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,  
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James 2:16 (NIV)

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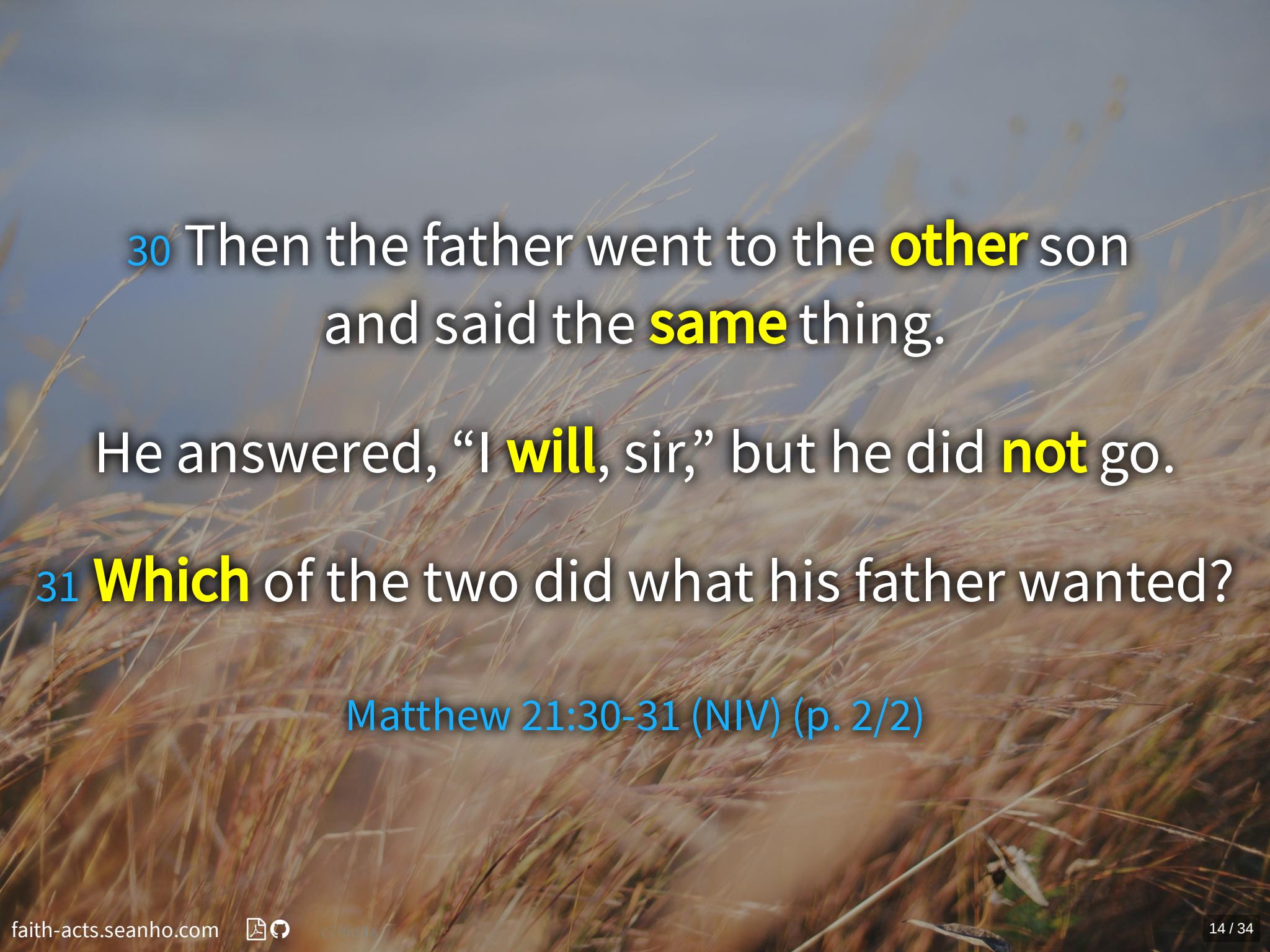
James 2:16 (NIV)

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)



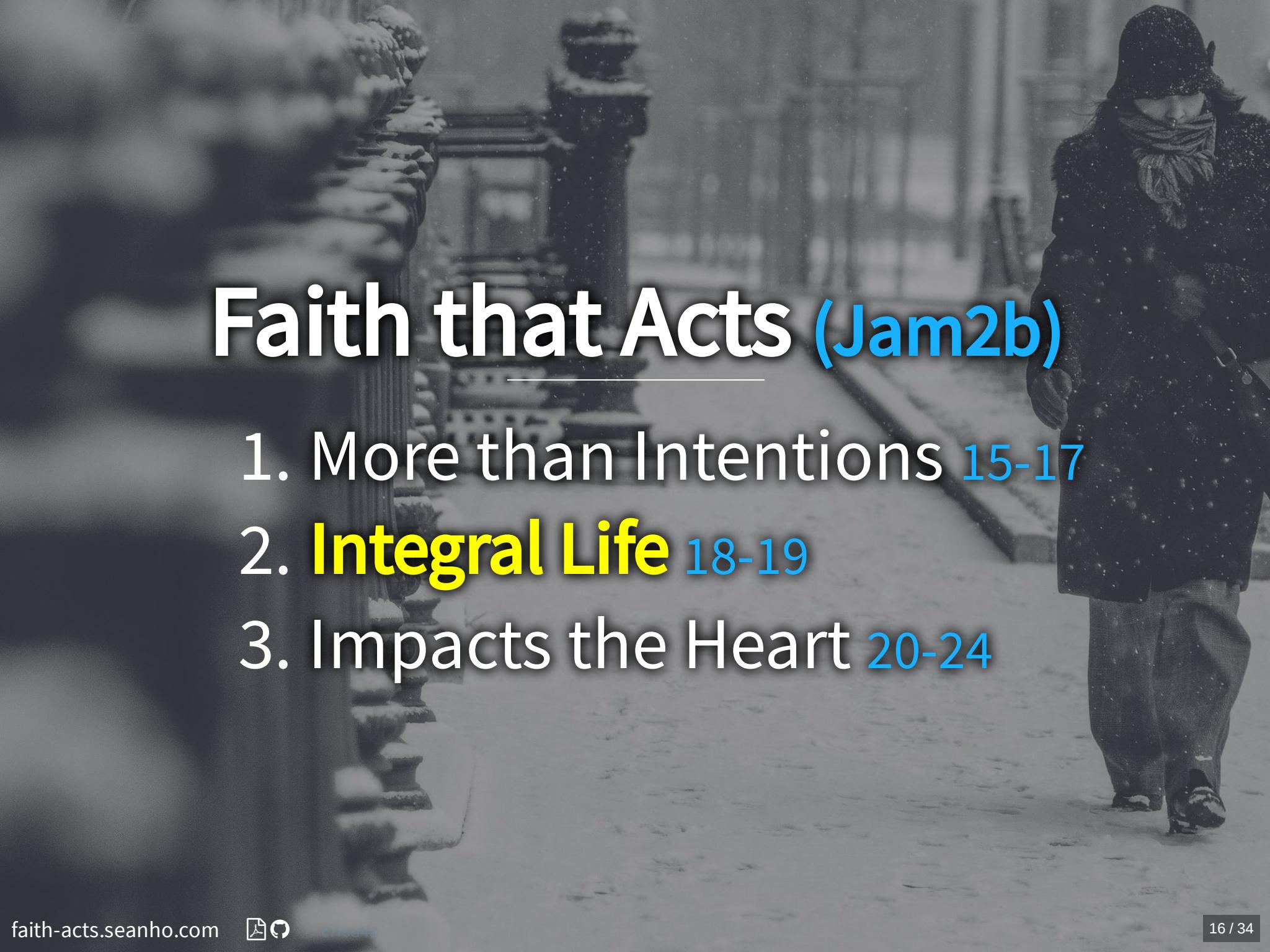
30 Then the father went to the **other** son and said the **same** thing.

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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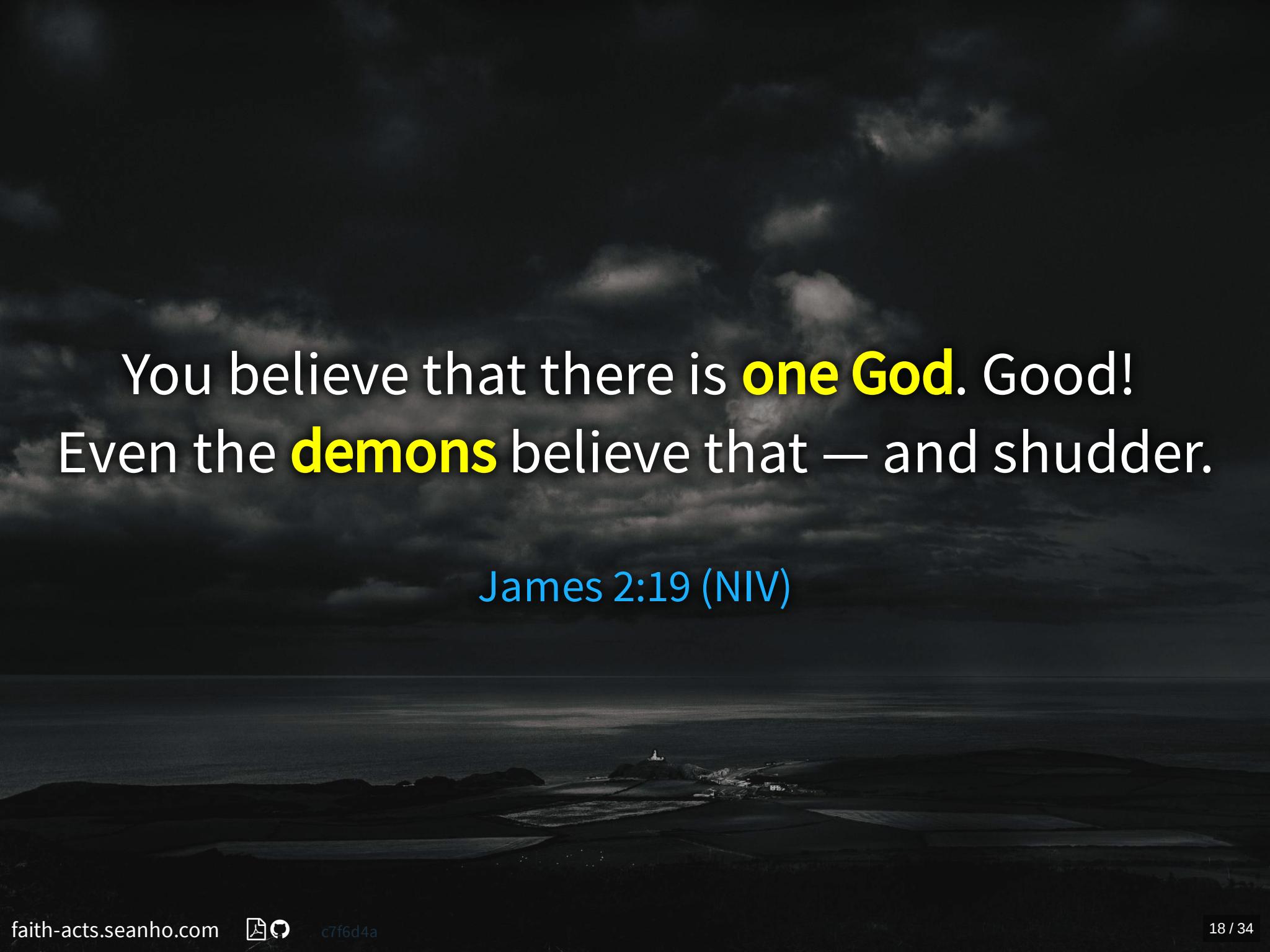
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2. **Integral Life** 18-19
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A photograph of a person's hands working at a desk. A laptop is open in the background, and a smartphone is held in the foreground. The person is writing in a notebook with a pen. The scene represents a modern, productive environment.

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

James 2:18 (NIV)

The background of the slide is a dark, moody landscape featuring a lighthouse perched on a rocky cliff overlooking a vast, dark sea. The sky is filled with heavy, dark clouds, creating a somber and contemplative atmosphere.

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

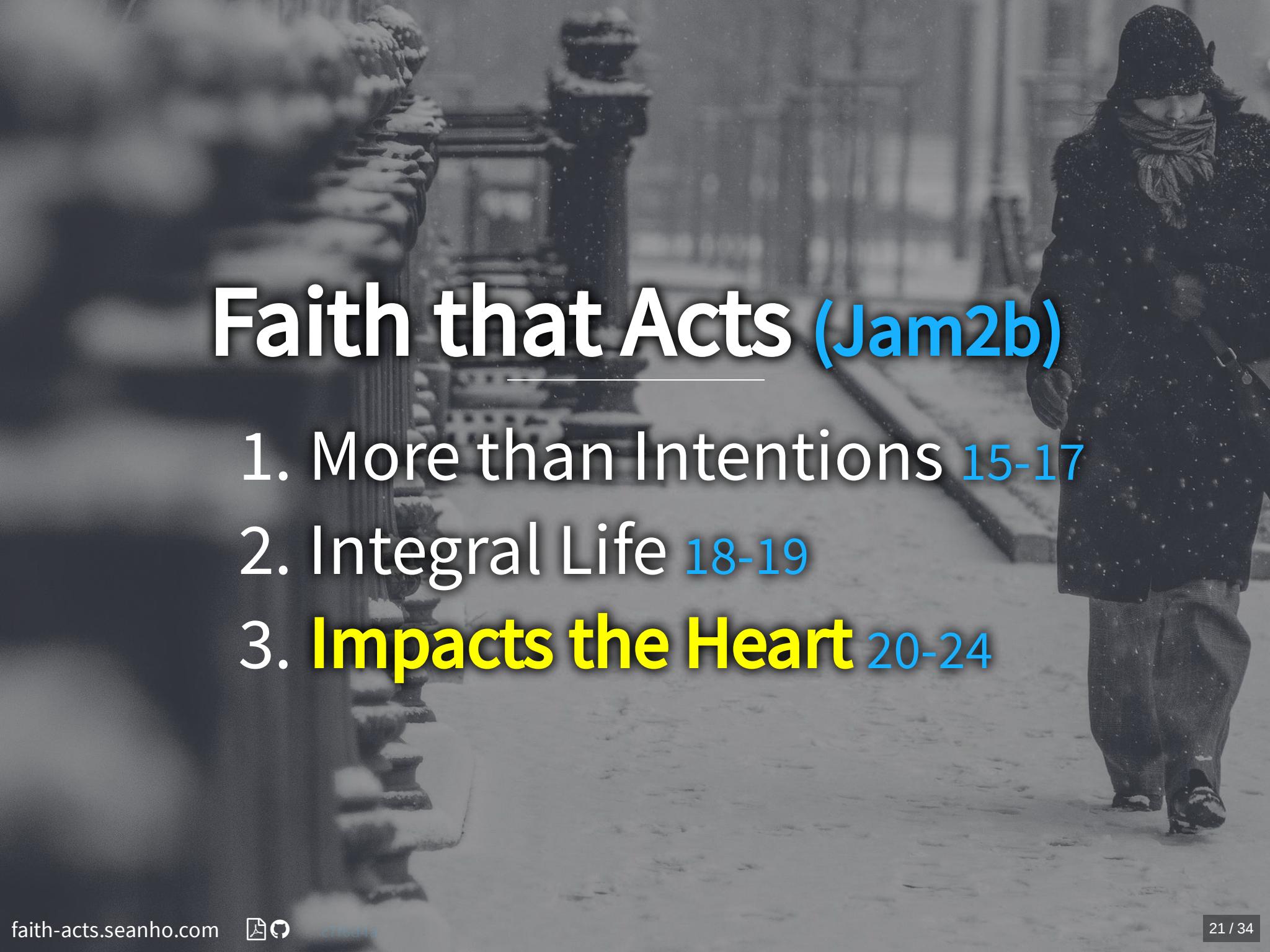
James 2:19 (NIV)

“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**?



# Faith that Acts (Jam2b)

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

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**.

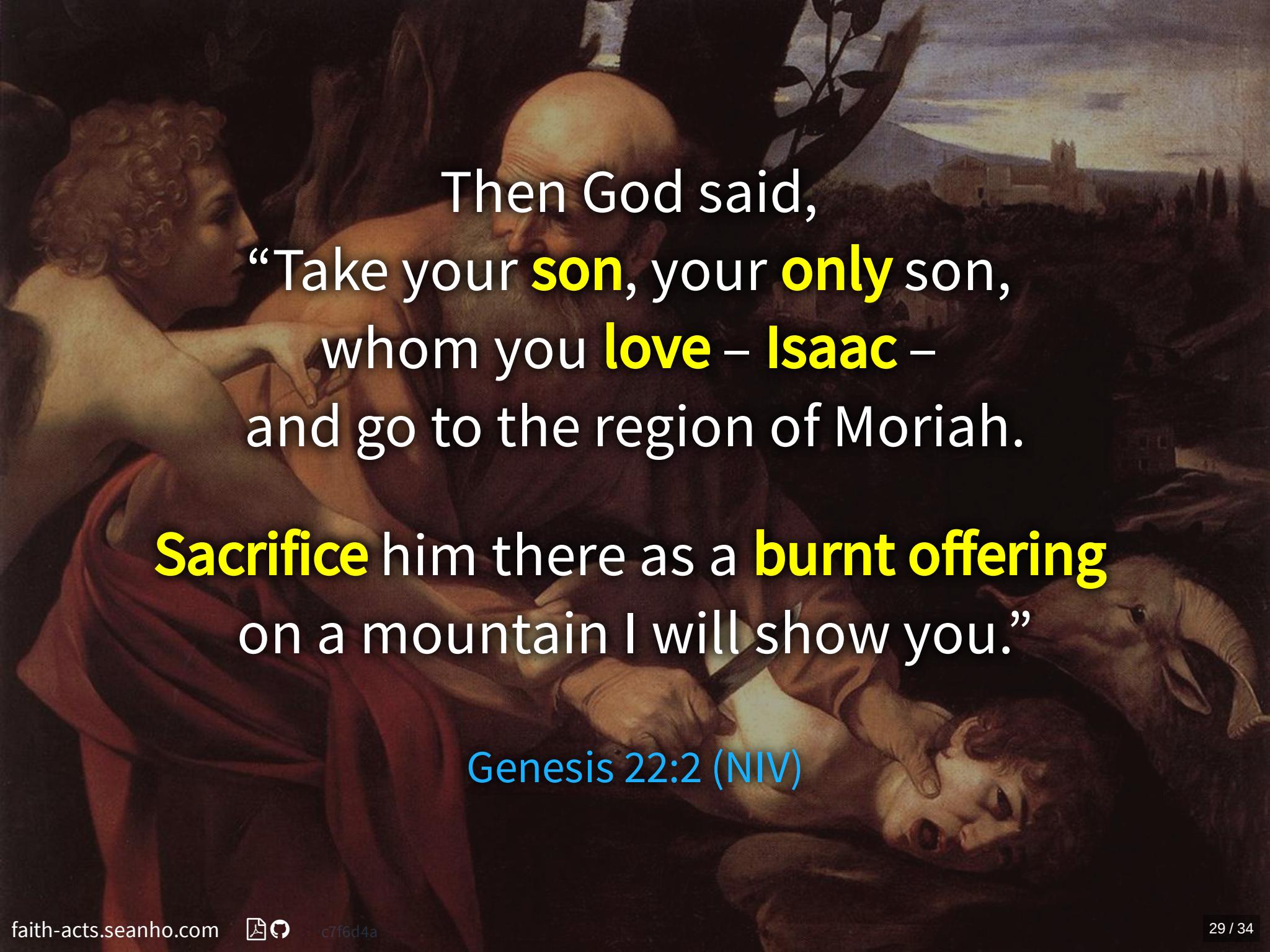
Genesis 15:6 (NIV) (p. 4/4)

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?**



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

James 2:22 (NIV)

