RBC Bible Study 2023 James: Rebuilding our Lives Ethically 3/22/23 Wisdom to Work (James 2:14-26).

- 1. In order for faith to be genuine, it must work (2:14-20)
  - a. Mere belief, or a thought about trust in God, cannot save anyone.
  - b. In order for faith to be real, it must produce activity in line with what one is professing. Without activity, we are fooling ourselves.
- 2. Abraham proved his trust in God by actually doing something. (2:21-24)
  - a. Abraham believed God with his deeds.
  - b. Abraham had follow-through. His faith continued to show itself strong when he had to sacrifice to demonstrate it.
- 3. Rahab showed her faith in God through actions. (2:25-26)
  - a. Rahab could not just profess her faith she actually had to welcome Israel into Jericho.
  - b. Faith, then, is lifeless without a plan of action.