**Second Dimension – Christianity Experienced**

**Segment III – *“Strengthening Your Core”* Progressive Bible Concepts - #31 “Faith That Works”**

**Segment III – Strengthening Your Core (Concepts 25-32)**

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**Key Verse:**

* *“...the r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ man shall l\_\_\_\_\_\_ by his f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_…”* Habakkuk 2:4

**Summary – Concept 29**

* Proactive faith is distinguishing God’s responsibility from mine in the affairs of everyday life and then responding wisely.”

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**Summary - Concept 30**

* *“Responsible faith is exercising the empowerment God has given me to respond to the circumstances of everyday life in an overcoming way that honors Him, blesses me, enables me to be a blessing to others.”*

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**Core Verse**

*“We give thanks to God always for you, making mention of you in our prayers; constantly bearing in mind your w\_\_\_\_\_\_ of f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and l\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of l\_\_\_\_\_\_ and e\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of h\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord Jesus…”* I Thess 1:3

* *Work (accomplishment)* ***r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** *from your faith*
* *Labor (sacrifice)* ***f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** *out of your love*
* *Endurance (pressing on)* ***i\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** *by your hope*

**Dead Faith**

* “What use is it, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but he has no works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and be filled,” and yet you do not give them what is necessary for *their* body, what use is that? Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, *being* by itself. But someone may *well* say, “You have faith and I have works; show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works.” You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder. But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless?” James 2:14-20
* Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar? You see that faith was working with his works, and as a result of the works, faith was perfected; and the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “And Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness,” and he was called the friend of God. You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone. In the same way, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? For just as the body without *the* spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead. James 2:21-26

**Questions:**

* What use is it, my brethren, if a man says he has faith but he has no w\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?
* Can that faith s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ him?
* If a brother or sister is in need and you bless them but don’t h\_\_\_\_\_\_ them, what use is that?
* But are you willing to recognize, you f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ fellow, that faith without works is u\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?
* Was not Abraham our father j\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by works, when he offered up Isaac and his son on the altar?
* In the s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ w\_\_\_\_\_ was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works, when she received the messengers and sent them out another way?

**Statements:**

* *“Even so faith, if it has no works, is de\_\_\_\_\_\_, being by itself.” v17*
* *“Someone says, ‘You have faith and I have works, show me your faith w\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ works, and I will show you my faith b\_\_ my works.’”* v18
* *“You believe that God is one. You do well; the d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ also believe, and shudder.” 2:19*
* *“You see faith working with his works, and as a result of the works, faith was p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_..” v22*
* *“You see that a man is justified by works, and not be faith a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.” v24*
* *“For just as the b\_\_\_\_\_\_ without the s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is dead, so also faith without works is dead.” v26*

**Principles:**

* The bible speaks of dead faith – faith with no w\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – Jas 2:17
* The bible speaks of dead works – works apart from f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - Heb 6:1 , 9:14
* The bible speaks of u\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ faith – faith without works
* Faith and works are i\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ woven together
* Faith works (i\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ o\_\_\_\_\_)through works
* The result of works is a p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or complete faith
* Faith c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with works comprises a legitimate faith
* Works a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ faith

**Analogies:**

* Faith is the h\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of works
* Works are the p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of faith
* As the body w/out the spirit is a dead c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ so faith without works is a spiritual corpse
* Faith and works are like two o\_\_\_\_\_\_ on a boat - trying to paddle with only one oar causes you to go in a c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – paddling with two oars is the only way to get anywhere
* Faith is the r\_\_\_\_\_\_ of works and works are the f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of faith
* Faith and works are like the two blades of s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – one can’t operate without the other
* Faith and works are like the two w\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of an a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – can’t fly with only one

**Example of a Working Faith:**

* *“And when He had come back to Capernaum several days afterward, it was heard that He was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room, even near the door; and He was speaking the word to them. And they came, bringing to Him a paralytic, carried by four men. And being unable to get to Him on account of the crowd, they r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the r\_\_\_\_\_\_ above Him; and when they had dug an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic was lying. And Jesus s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ said to the paralytic, “My son, your sins are forgiven…I say to you arise, take up your pallet and go home.”* Mark 2:1-5, 11

**Observations – Alive Faith:**

* Jesus was teaching the word of God in a h\_\_\_\_\_\_
* He was speaking to a c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ room – an o\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ crowd beyond *“standing room only”*– could not even get in the door
* A group of men bring a p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ friend on a pallet to Jesus for healing
* Suffering from a form of palsy, a m\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the nervous system
* The crowd p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ them from entering the home
* They responded proactively and r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the roof – u\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the roof
* F\_\_\_\_\_\_ men l\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the paralytic into the home in the middle of the crowded space
* Seeing t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ faith – Jesus noted their g\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ belief
* After scuffling with the Pharisees, Jesus directs the paralytic to rise, t\_\_\_\_\_\_ up his pallet, and g\_\_\_ home
* The crowd was a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, giving g\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to God
* The c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ element of the miracle was the faith of the f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ men.

**Faith’s Hall of Fame:**

* *By faith Abel offered a b\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than Cain* – v4
* *By faith Enoch was t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ u\_\_ that he should not see d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* – v5
* *By faith Noah p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ an a\_\_\_\_\_ for the salvation of his household* – v7
* *By faith Abraham obeyed by g\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ o\_\_\_\_…not k\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ w\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ he was going* – v8
* *By faith even Sarah herself received a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, even beyond the proper time of life* – v11
* *By faith Abraham, when he was tested, o\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ u\_\_ Isaac* – v17
* *By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau, even regarding t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*. – v20
* *By faith Jacob, as he was d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, b\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ each of the sons of Joseph* – v21
* *By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made m\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the e\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the sons of Israel, and gave orders concerning his bones* – v22
* *By faith Moses, when he was born, was h\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for three months by his p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* – v23
* *By faith Moses, when he had grown up, r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to be called the s\_\_\_\_ of Pharaoh’s daughter* – v24
* *By faith Moses l\_\_\_\_\_\_ Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king, for he endured, as s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Him who is u\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* – v27
* *By faith the Israelites passed through the R\_\_\_\_ S\_\_\_\_ as though they were passing through on d\_\_\_\_ l\_\_\_\_\_\_; and the Egyptians, when they attempted it, were drowned – v29*
* *By faith the w\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Jericho fell down, after they had been circled for seven days* – v30
* *By faith Rahab the h\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ did not p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ along with those who were disobedient* – v31
* *For time will fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah; of David and the prophets; who by faith c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ kingdoms, performed a\_\_\_\_\_\_ of righteousness, o\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ promises, shut the mouths of l\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, quenched the power of f\_\_\_\_\_\_, escaped the edge of the s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, from weakness were made s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, became m\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in war, put foreign armies to f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.* –v 32-34
* *“Women received back their dead by resurrection; and others were t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, not accepting their release, in order that they might obtain a better resurrection; and others experienced mockings and scourgings, yes, also chains and imprisonment. They were s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, sawn in two, tempted, put to death; they went about in sheepskins, goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, ill-treated (men of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains and caves and holes in the ground. And all these, having gained approval through their faith, did not receive what was promised.”* v35-38
* God never intended for us to live o\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ lives.
* Faith will drive and inspire us to do e\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ things for God.
* Where does it say that in the bible?

*“Truly, truly I say to you, he who b\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Me, the works that I do shall he do also;* *and g\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ works than these shall he do; because I go to the Father.”* John 14:12



**Discussion Question:**

* “And let our people learn to engage in good w\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to meet pressing n\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, so that they will not be u\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.” Titus 3:14
* Deeds of kindness – ideas:
	+ Pray for your restaurant s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ Pay the food bill of the n\_\_\_\_\_\_ person in l\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ Neighborhood b\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ party
	+ Open your home for h\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Discussion Question:**

* Do you sense the leading of God currently in your life regarding a particular work He wants you to perform or a need to address?

**Summary** – **Concept 31**

* *“A working faith consistently manifests itself in demonstrable, Holy Spirit directed ways which authenticate and advance the kingdom of God powerfully in everyday life.”*

**Next Concept** – **Concept 32**

* “Enduring Faith”