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how we misunderstand the gospel



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**A half
truth is a
whole
lie.**

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James 2:14-17

14 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? 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.

James 2:18-20

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.

20 You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless?



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We believe in the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. (Matthew 28:19)

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. (Matthew 3:17)

We believe that Jesus walked this earth as fully human and fully God. (Hebrews 2:17)

We believe Jesus was sacrificed for our transgressions. (Isaiah 53:12)

We believe Jesus was crucified, buried and rose again. (Luke 24)

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We believe God is a good God. (Psalm 34:8)

**We believe that God is a merciful God.
(Romans 9:15-16)**

**We believe that God is a forgiving God.
(Colossians 3:13)**

**We believe that God is a gracious God. (Psalm
(145:8)**

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**We believe that the Bible is the Word of God.
(Hebrews 4:12)**

**We believe that we can do all things through
Christ that strengthens us. (Philippians 4:13)**

**We believe that He has good intentions for us.
(Jeremiah 29:11)**

**We believe that this church contains our brothers
and sisters in Christ. (1 John 3:1-2)**

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**DEEDS/
WORKS**



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**an action that is performed intentionally or consciously
to be active or to be engaged in a mental or physical effort that is done in order to achieve a purpose or result
to operate or function, especially properly or effectively**

Abraham and Isaac



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Genesis 22:1-3

¹Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. ²Then 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." ³Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey.

Genesis 22:7-8

7Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, Father?" "Yes, my son?" Abraham replied. "The fire and the wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"

⁸Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together.

James 2:21-23

21 Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? 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.

**What is it in your life - that in an act of faith,
as the evidence of what you believe, needs
to be put on the alter today?**



James 2:24-25

24 You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone. 25 In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction?

Rahab



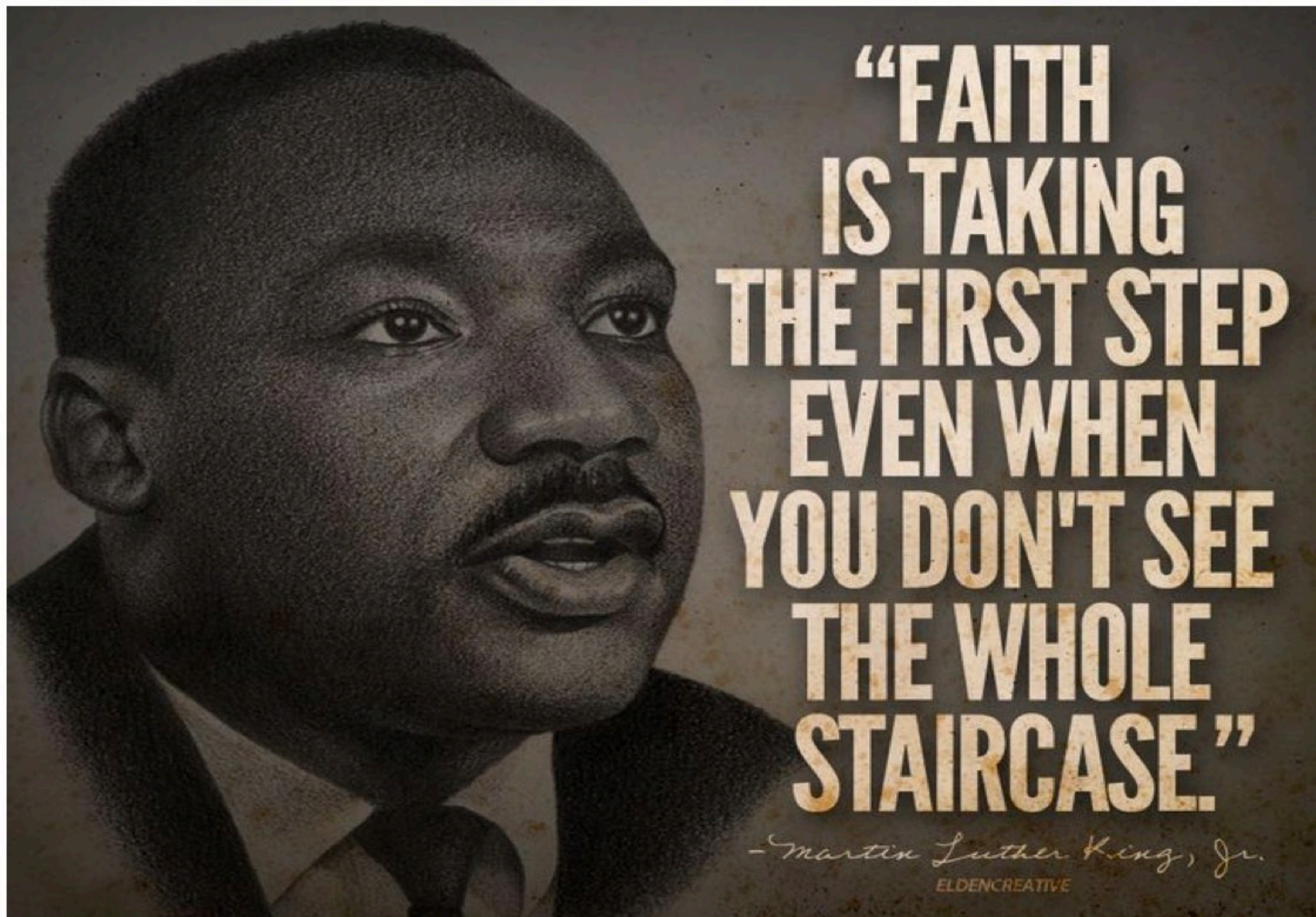
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Joshua 2:8-11

8Before the spies lay down for the night, she went up on the roof 9and said to them, "I know that the Lord has given you this land and that a great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you.

10 We have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to Sihon and Og, and the two kings of the Amorites east of the Jordan, whom you completely destroyed.

11 When we heard of it, our hearts melted in fear and everyone's courage failed because of you, for the LORD your God is God of heaven about and on the earth below.



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Asa King of Judah



2 Chronicles 15:

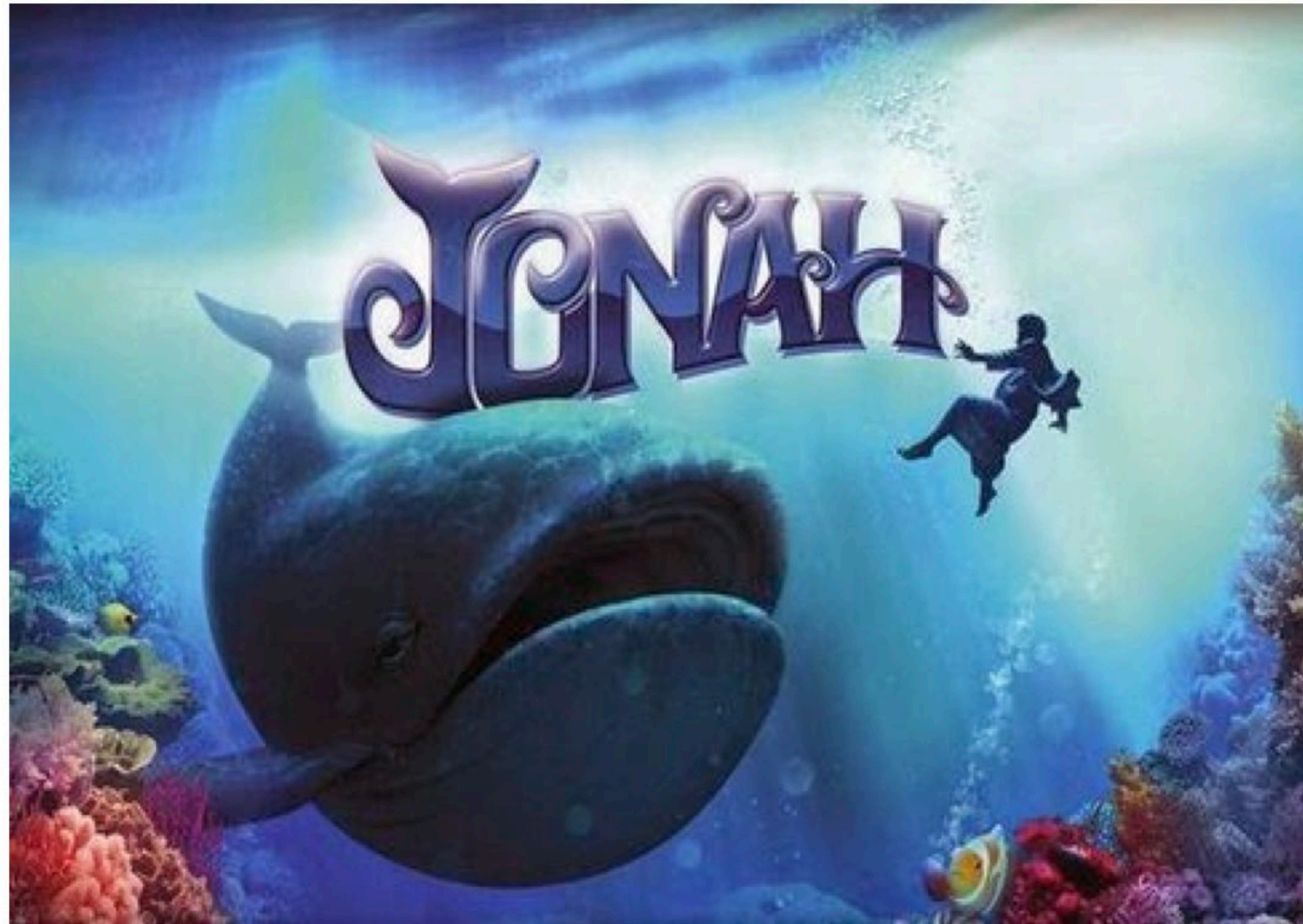
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the prophet Azariah shares the word of the Lord with Asa...⁷But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded. ⁸When Asa heard these words and the prophesy of Azariah son of Oded the prophet, he took courage.

He removed the detestable idols from the whole land of Judah and Benjamin and from the towns he had captured in the hills of Ephraim. He repaired the alter of the Lord that was in front of the portico of the Lord's temple.

Do you need encouraging words to “work” out your faith? Does someone you know or someone you might cross paths with need your encouraging words to “work” out their faith?

Jonah



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Jonah 1:1-3

¹The word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai: ²"Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me.

³But Jonah ran away from the Lord and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the Lord.

“Jonah’s anger at the Lord’s compassion.”

Ephesians 2:8-10

⁸For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advanced for us to do.

Martin Luther

“Faith is a living, creative, active, and powerful thing. Faith cannot help doing good works constantly. It doesn't stop to ask if good works ought to be done, but before anyone asks, it already has done them and continues to do them without ceasing. Anyone who does not do good works in this manner is an unbeliever. It is just as impossible to separate faith and works as it is to separate heat and light from fire. It cannot be done, our beliefs and actions go together.”

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