

# James

Temptations, Trials

&

Triumph

# Outline of the Book:

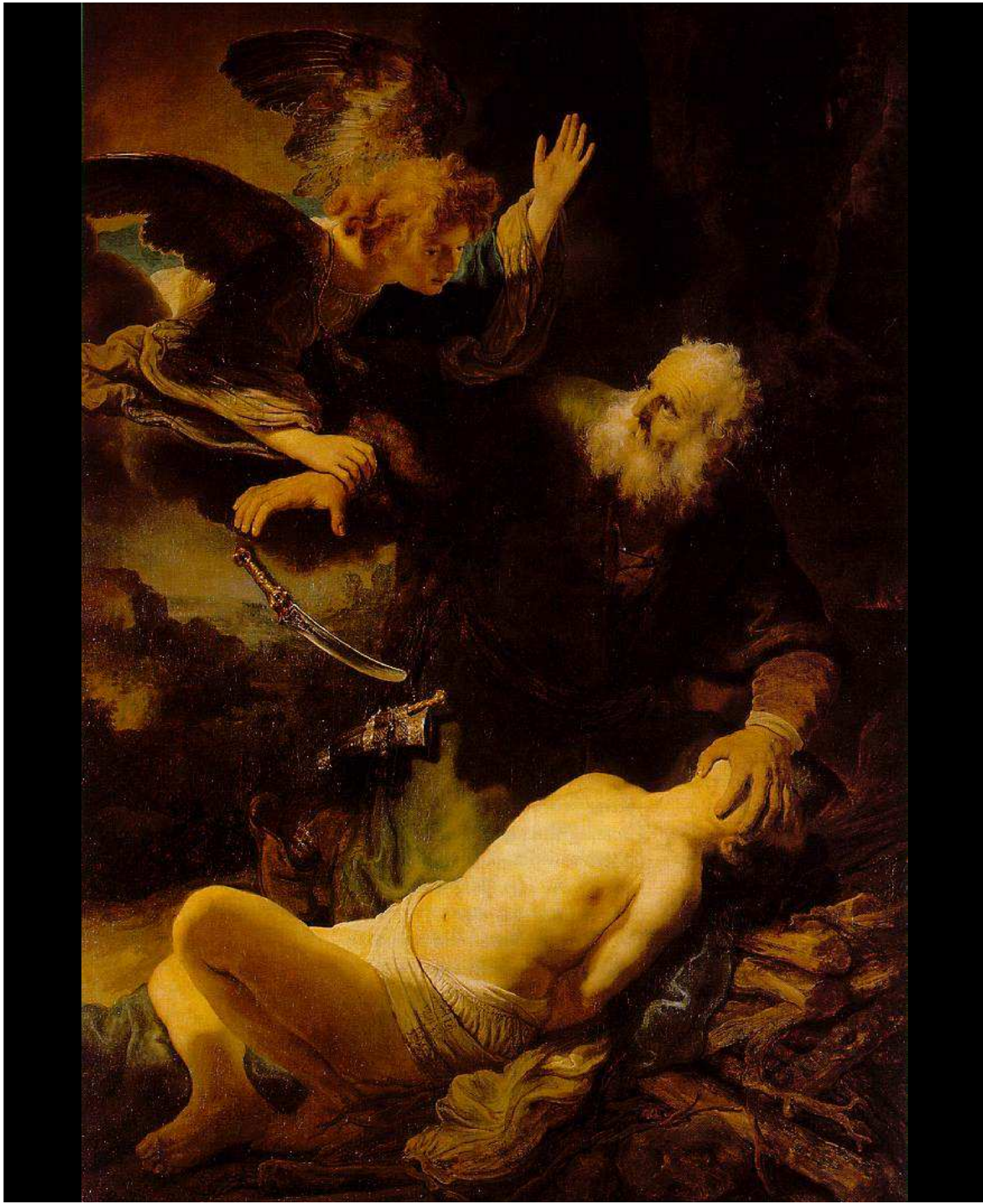
- Trials and Truth 1:2-27
- Problems and Faith 2:1-26
  - Issue and examples (2:1-7)
  - Correction (2:8-13)
  - Works and Faith (2:14-20)
  - **Examples: Abraham and Rahab! (2:21-26)**
- Words and Wisdom 3:1-18
- Conflicts and Submission 4:1-5:6
- Overcoming 5:7-20

## 3 illustrations from “life”

- Destitute believers (15-17)
  - This is a fellow believer or not... does it matter?
  - Wishing with no actions? Pr 3:27,28 do it NOW!
  - All the words won't help, something more is needed
- 2 arrogant men (18)
  - You have faith, I have works... *deiknuo* - expose, proof
  - Neither is useful alone... (Mt 7:21,22)
- Demon thinking? (19,20)
  - Know there is One God is good, but not enough...
  - Mt 8:29 – they know, but no works that follow

# Abraham's faith – biblical example 1

- Actions as a result of relationship with God
  - Offering of Isaac, showed his love thru obedience
  - Gen 22 – review & some thoughts... was this easy?
  - Perfected (*teleioo*) - He 11:17-19
  - Abraham showed his heart, faith working with works
  - Ge 15:16 (Is 41:8) – friend of God!
  - Actions prove our relationships...
  - It is the interworking of faith and works
  - In what way do we **prove** our love for God in actions?



# Rahab's faith – biblical example 2

- She is the complete OPPOSITE of Abraham
  - Abraham, first Hebrew; Rahab, of Jericho
  - Man of Honor; Prostitute/harlot
  - Rich with God's blessings; under God's Judgment
- Joshua 2
  - The big question is WHY she did what she did...
  - Note VV 9-11; Key thoughts...
  - Can just one example/promise change a life?
  - We have heard... from who? (See Dt 2:25)
  - Hid them in the flax? Seed & Fibers – fiber, dye, nets



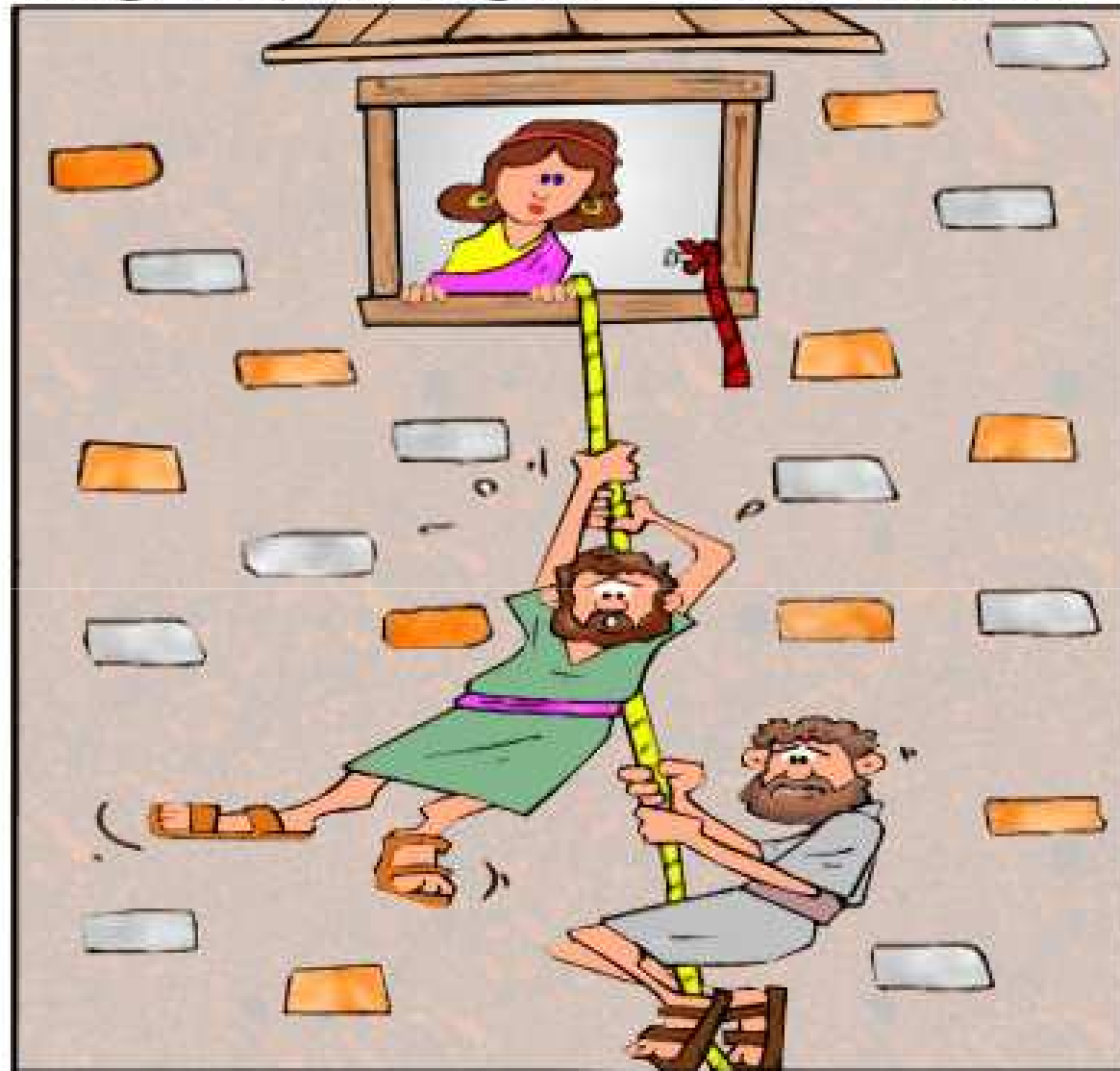
# Rahab's faith (cont'd)

- Give me a pledge (Jo 2:12)
  - A promise to save not just her, but her family
  - 2:18 the scarlet thread... color of vigorous life, used in Temple, Ex 25 2ff (4) [Ge 38:28 1<sup>st</sup> use]
  - Remain in the house! Ark, Passover, cities of refuge
  - These are simple things, do we fail at the simple?
- Rahab obeys and lives! (Jo 6:20-25)
  - And ends up not only in the Jewish people...
  - But in the line of Christ! (Mt 1:5)

*The  
Cord  
of  
Change*



## The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



So the two spies escape Jericho with the help of Rahab the prostitute. **Joshua 2** *Being saved by a prostitute was not an easy story to share with their wives.*