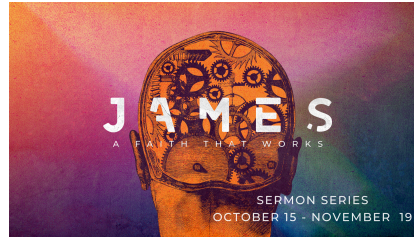


Hope Presbyterian Church  
Sermon-Based Bible Study Group



October 29, 2023

“Faith and Works” - #3 in the series James: A Faith That Works - Rev. Martha Slocombe

**Texts Referenced:** James 2:14-23 (CEB), Matthew 7:26-27, Ephesians 2:8, I John 3:16-18 (NIV)

1. What stood out to you about the message?
  
2. Pastor Martha’s “laundry system” anecdote informed her understanding of “faith and works” as described by the apostle James.
  - How do you interpret the meaning of “works” in your faith journey?
  - How might thinking of works as *actions* or *deeds* help you consider this aspect of your faith?
  
3. **Read James 2:14-17.**
  - What sometimes keeps us from doing the work of our faith - walking the talk?
  - What are ways that Hope engages in “faithful activity”?
  
4. **Read James 2:18-23.**
  - Why is the story of Abraham such a compelling example of faith and works?
  - Can you think of a time when your actions or someone else’s strengthened your faith?
  
5. How do the following passages also underscore the relationship between faith and works:
  - **Matthew 7:26-27**
  - **Ephesians 2:8**
  - **I John 3:16-18**
  
6. How can we pray for you?