

<sup>6-9</sup> Write these commandments that I've given you today on your hearts. Get them inside of you and then get them inside your children. Talk about them wherever you are, sitting at home or walking in the street; talk about them from the time you get up in the morning to when you fall into bed at night. Tie them on your hands and foreheads as a reminder; inscribe them on the doorposts of your homes and on your city gates. | Deuteronomy 6:6-9 MSG

Choose the format that works with your family: pick a few questions and ask casually or have a small group discussion at lunch, or have a small group with your teen and their friends.

Take what your teens give you, don't force it. Slowly create a culture of authentic conversation.

## AT WAR | James 2:21-24 | NOV. 22nd

### SHIELD OF FAITH | Part 2

**THE TEXT** | *Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. 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. You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone.*

**PLAY** | THINGS I TRUST | Give each family member paper and pen. With 90 seconds on the clock, have everyone list as many things (person/place/or thing) they have trust in (ei: mom, taco bell, a chair). When time is up, cross off any duplicates others have, the person with the most original items on their list wins. Award a small prize to the winner (optional). Tie In: what is the proof that you actually trust these things? (possible answers: I obey my mom, I eat at taco bell, and I sit in the chair).

**SHARE** | What was one thing from this week's message that jumped out to you?

THESE THREE REMAIN  
-FAITH HOPE & LOVE-  
BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS  
LOVE.

1 Corinthians 13:13

**READ** James 2:17, 21-24 together.

- What do you like about this passage?
- What don't you like about this passage?
- What does this tell us about the nature of man?
- What does it reveal about God?
- What do you need to do about this truth this week?

**PRAY** |

⇒ Ask God to give us the discipline and courage to express love to each other this week.

THE **ONLY** THING  
THAT COUNTS IS  
**FAITH**  
EXPRESSING  
ITSELF THROUGH  
**LOVE.**

Galatians 5:6

### PARENT GUT CHECK |



How does your faith in God actively express itself through loving each child?

How can you display your faith for your family this week through specific acts of love?