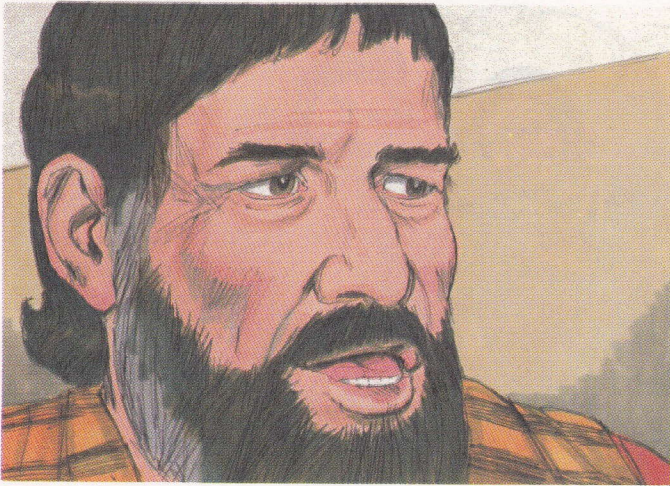
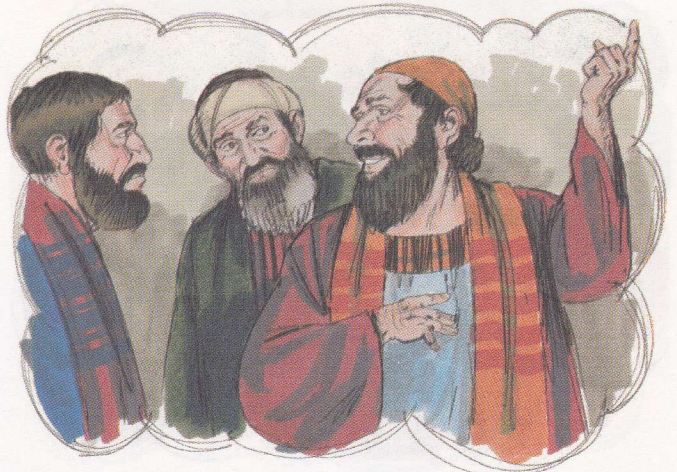


# The Letters of James and John



**1** Among the writings in the New Testament are letters written by James and by John.



**2** James stressed the importance of good deeds: "What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no good deeds? Can such a faith save him?"



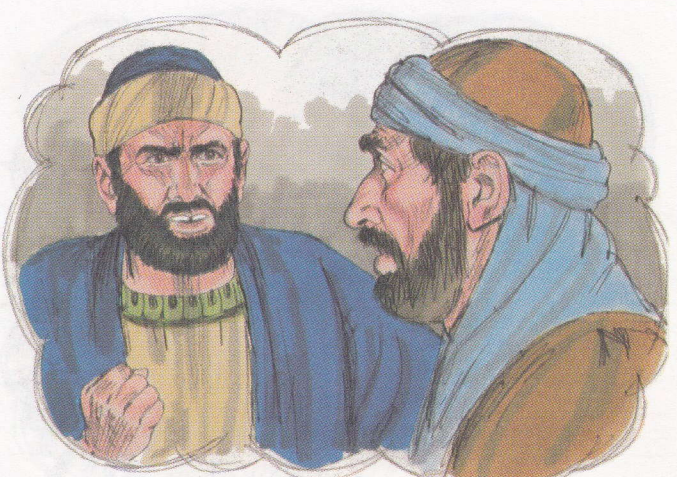
**3** "Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food and one of you says to him, 'Go. I wish you well. Keep warm and well fed.'"



**4** "If you do not give him what he needs, what good are your words? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."



**5** "Was not Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? His faith was made complete by what he did."

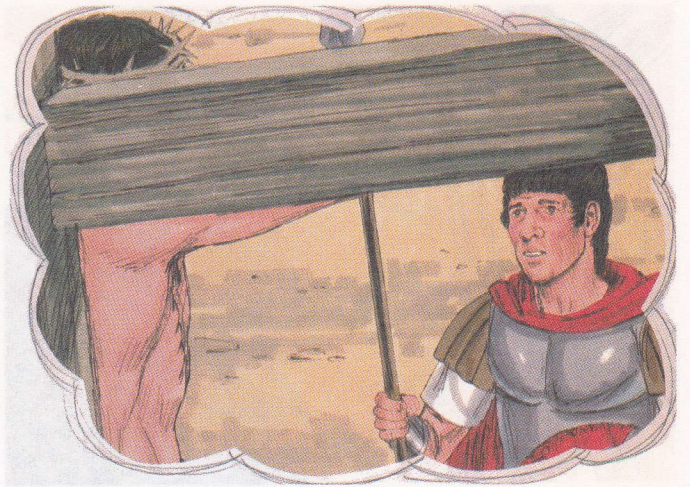


**6** John emphasized love: "Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates his brother is still in the darkness. Whoever loves his brother lives in the light."

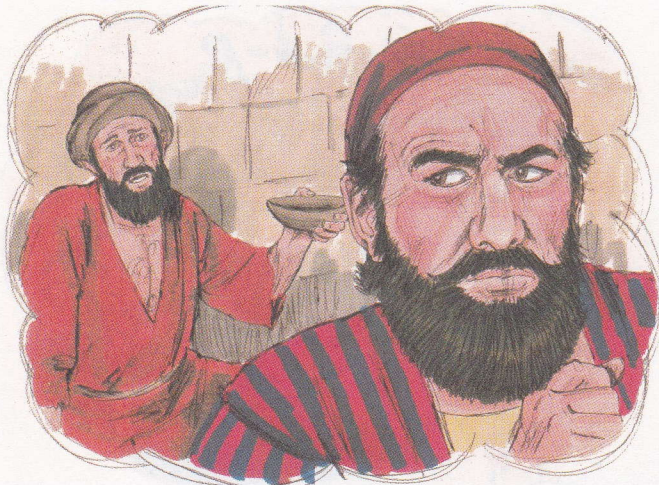




**7** “This is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another. Do not be like Cain, who murdered his brother. Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer.”



**8** “This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.”



**9** “If anyone has possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Let us not just talk about love but really show love!”



**10** “Dear friends, love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.”



**11** “This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him! If God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.”



**12** “We love because he first loved us. If anyone says ‘I love God,’ yet hates his brother, he is a liar! Whoever loves God must also love his brother.”