

**A Faithful Defense**

Victorious Soldiers Of Faith - (# 5)

November 1, 2020

**TEXT:** James 2:14-26

**KEY VERSE:** James 2:17

[James 2:17](#) Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

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2) Faith \_\_\_\_\_.

3) Faith \_\_\_\_\_.

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**James was the  
half-brother of Jesus.**

**If you were the  
half-brother of Jesus  
what would you  
talk about?**

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**The faith of Jesus  
was evident by  
His loving works.**

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**James was  
close enough to Jesus  
to see if He was  
real or not.**

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**And what does  
the book of James  
talk about?**

**Faith and Works.**

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**Your faith is  
one of your greatest  
defensive weapons.**

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**Your faith is your shield.**

**The greater your faith,  
the bigger your shield.**

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**So then faith cometh by hearing,  
and hearing by the word of God.  
(Romans 10:17)**

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**Which is better a  
small or large  
shield?**

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**Pocket Badge of Faith**



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**Shield  
of  
Faith**



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**As you exercise and  
grow your faith,  
you are able to quench  
all the fiery darts  
of the wicked.**

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**Genuine faith produces  
an obedient life  
with fruitful works  
which are pleasing  
to God.**

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**The foundation scripture  
for this series is  
Ephesians 6:10-18.**

**The foundation scripture  
for this message is  
Ephesians 6:16.**

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**Above all, taking the shield of faith,  
wherewith ye shall be able to quench  
all the fiery darts of the wicked.  
(Ephesians 6:16)**

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16: Above all,

— taking the shield of  
faith, wherewith ye  
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**Faith protects us.**

**Exercise it,  
grow it and use it.**

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**1) Saving Faith.**

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**What doth it profit, my brethren,  
though a man say he hath faith,  
and have not works?  
can faith save him?  
(James 2:14)**

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**There is no question that  
the prerequisite  
of salvation is faith.**

**Those who come to God  
must believe that He is.**

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**But without faith  
it is impossible to please him:  
for he that cometh to God  
must believe that he is,  
and that he is a rewarder of them  
that diligently seek him.  
(Hebrews 11:6)**

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**We are saved by faith,  
yes!**

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**8 For by grace  
are ye saved through faith;  
and that not of yourselves:  
it is the gift of God:  
9 Not of works,  
lest any man should boast.  
(Ephesians 2:8-9)**

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**We must exercise  
that faith,  
to receive salvation.**

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**9 That if thou shalt confess  
with thy mouth the Lord Jesus,  
and shalt believe in thine heart that  
God hath raised him from the dead,  
thou shalt be saved.  
10 For with the heart man  
believeth unto righteousness;  
and with the mouth confession  
is made unto salvation.  
(Romans 10:9-10)**

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**For I say, through the grace  
given unto me,  
to every man that is among you,  
not to think of himself more highly  
than he ought to think;  
but to think soberly,  
according as God hath dealt  
to every man the measure of faith.  
(Romans 12:3)**

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**We cannot earn salvation  
through moral conduct  
or good works.**

**Salvation  
is only available  
from God  
through faith.**

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**(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)  
(2 Corinthians 5:7)**

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**We are not saved  
by works,  
but faith will always  
manifest itself  
by the works  
that accompany it.**

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- 1) Saving Faith.
- 2) Faith Without Works.

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**But wilt thou know, O vain man,  
that faith without works is dead?  
(James 2:20)**

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**When we see a person  
who is in need and  
send him or her away  
without doing  
what we are able,  
how is our faith  
made known.**

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**For as the body  
without the spirit is dead,  
so faith without works  
is dead also.  
(James 2:26)**

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**Yea, a man may say,  
Thou hast faith, and I have works:  
shew me thy faith without thy works,  
and I will shew thee my faith  
by my works.  
(James 2:18)**

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**What works?**  
**Loving and serving  
people.**  
**Praying for others.**

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**Bring forth therefore fruits  
meet for repentance:  
(Matthew 3:8)**

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**By your works,  
cause people to ask  
about your faith.**

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**She said, No man, Lord.  
And Jesus said unto her,  
Neither do I condemn thee:  
go, and sin no more.  
(John 8:11)**

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**The farmer has faith that  
a crop can be produced,  
but that faith will not  
be fulfilled if the seed  
never reaches the soil.**

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- 1) Saving Faith.**
- 2) Faith Without Works.**
- 3) Faith With Works.**

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**Seest thou how faith  
wrought with his works,  
and by works was faith made perfect?  
(James 2:22)**

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**Faith with works is a  
beautiful combination  
that brings God  
on the scene.**

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**The spiritual influence  
within a person's soul  
will work an  
outward expression  
of loving service and  
good deeds.**

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**Let us not wait  
for someone else  
to do the ministering  
when we can put  
our faith into action.**

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**And he said unto them,  
Go ye into all the world,  
and preach the gospel  
to every creature.  
(Mark 16:15)**

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**But whoso keepeth his word,  
in him verily is  
the love of God perfected:  
hereby know we that we are in him.  
(1 John 2:5)**

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**My little children,  
let us not love in word,  
neither in tongue;  
but in deed and in truth.  
(1 John 3:18)**

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**Concluding Story:**

**Alaska Airlines  
Flight 261**

**Which Crashed  
January 31, 2000**

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- 1) **Saving Faith.**
- 2) Faith **Without Works.**
- 3) Faith **With Works.**

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