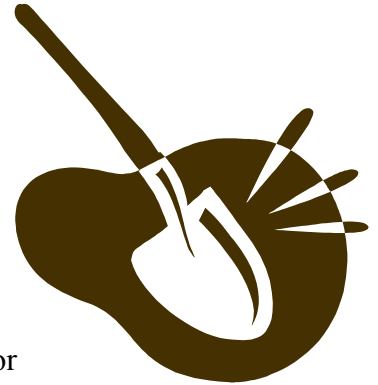


## DIGGING DEEPER

**Series:** A Call to Arms  
**Sermon:** **The Armor-The Shield of Faith**  
**Scripture:** Selected Scriptures



### GETTING STARTED

Discuss a time when your faith sustained you through a time of uncertainty or difficulty.

### BIBLE STUDY

1. The Amplified Bible translation of Hebrews 11:1 reads: *Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things we hope for, being the proof of things we do not see and the conviction of their reality—faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses.* How does that expanded definition of “faith” help you to understand the Biblical concept of faith?
2. How would you describe the difference between “saving faith” and “living faith”, using Ephesians 2:8-9 and 2 Corinthians 5:7?
  - Is it possible to possess “living faith” without possessing “saving faith”? Why or why not?
3. Read Matthew 7:21-23.
  - Why is the person described in verse 21 excluded from heaven?
  - Why is the person described in verse 22 excluded from heaven?
4. What relationship between faith and works does James try to make in James 2:20-24?
5. Does Hebrews 11:8-10 confirm or contradict James’ teaching that we just looked at? Defend your answer.

### APPLY IT

Do I possess “saving faith”?

- *Have I put my faith and trust in Jesus, and Jesus alone, to save me?*

Do I possess “living faith”?

- *Is there evidence through the way I live my life that my confidence is in Jesus and His unchanging Word?*

What actions can I take so that I live by faith more and more each day?

- *Examples include such things as personal devotions, group Bible study, more time in prayer, more faithful in worship, rendering greater service to Him.*