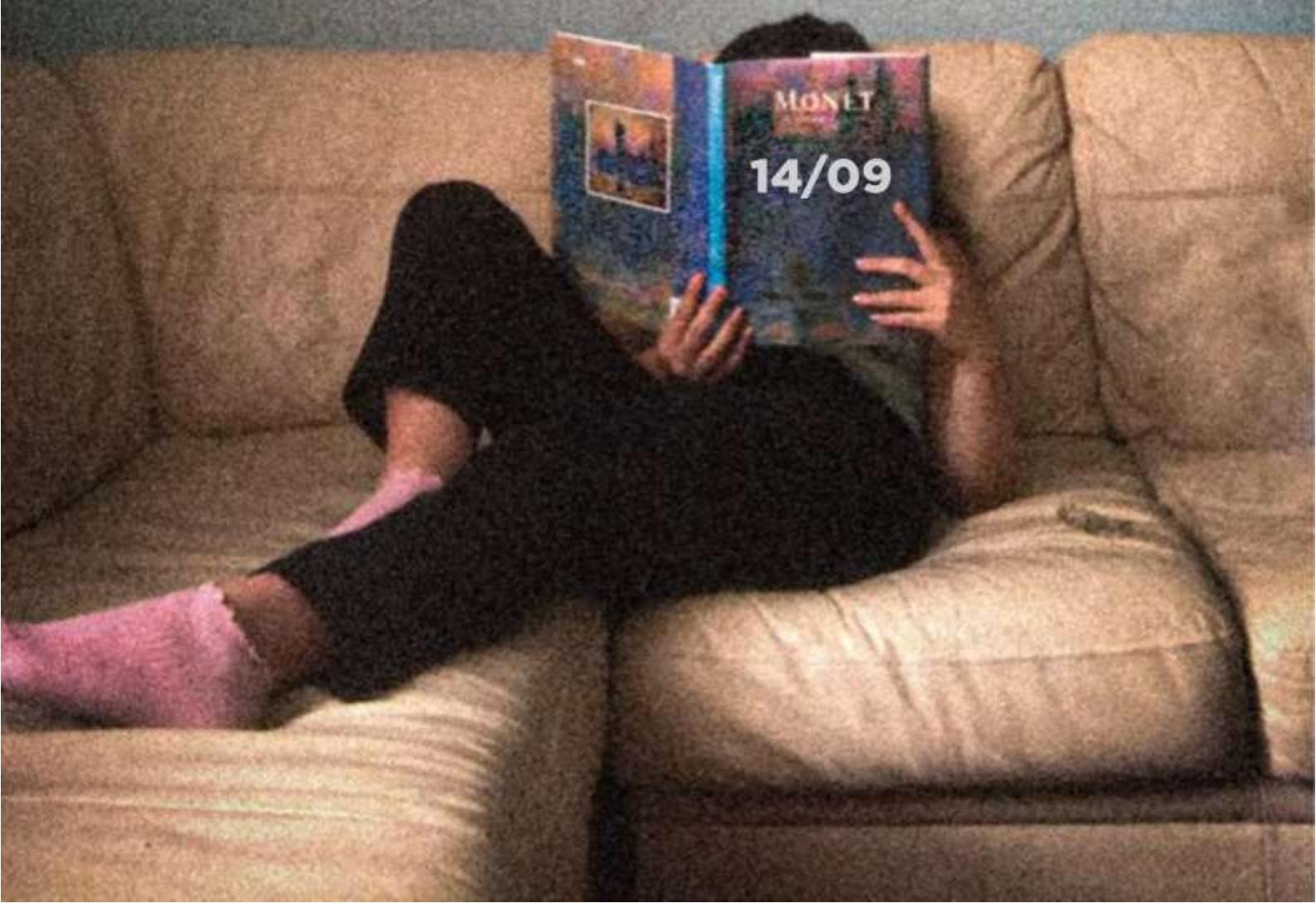


14/09 SERMON

FAITH VERSUS FEAR:

FAITH WITHOUT WORK WORKS

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OVERALL THEME: THE PRACTICAL NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIANITY AND RELIGION

(ACTS 1:1-2; PHIL. 1:27; 1 TIM. 3:14-15; JAS. 1:26-27)

QUARTERLY THEME: THE PRACTICAL NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIANITY DO'S AND DON'TS FROM THE BOOK OF JAMES

(JAS. 1:21-27; JAS. 2:14-26)

TOPIC OF THE DAY: FAITH VERSES FEAR: FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD ALONE (HEB. 11:1-40; ISA. 41:10-21; JAS. 2:14-26)

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B. THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF OUR SERMON

1. To Give A Brief Contextual Analysis Of Our Bible Passages And Also A Brief Definition Of The Key Words In Our Topic.
2. To Show The Differences Between Faith And Fear And Equally Show The Acronyms, Types Or Kinds Of Faiths And Fears.
3. To Further Give The Biblical Examples Of Faith And Fear By Demonstrating How Faith And Works Go Together In Accomplishing God's Purpose In Our Lives As We Serve And Seek Him Diligently In The Vineyard Of The Lord.

4. To Explore How Faith Without Works Is Dead Alone; Because, Fear And Works Go Opposite To Accomplish God's Purpose In His Kingdom.
5. Finally, To Advice, Persuade, Motivate, And To Encourage All Christians Or Believers In Christ Jesus Our Lord Not To Allow Fear To Overcome Their Faith; Rather, Let Their Faith, Trust, Believe, Confidence Or Conviction In God Through Christ Overcome Their Fear As They Remain Faithful, Truthful, Fruitful And Prayerful Unto God Till Death.

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PRESENTATION

A. THE BIBLE READING AND THEIR BRIEF CONTEXTUAL ANALYSIS

1. Acts 1:1-2
2. Phil. 1:27
3. 1 Tim. 3:14-15
4. Jas. 1:26-27
5. Jas. 2:14-26
6. Isa. 41:10-21
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B. THE DEFINITION OF KEY WORDS FROM OUR TOPIC (HEB. 11:1-6; ISA. 41:10)

1. Faith
2. Fear
3. Verses
4. Without
5. Works
6. Dead
7. Alone

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C. WHAT IS FAITH VERSES FEAR?

1. Faith Works Against Fear.
2. Fear Works Against Faith.
3. Faith And Fear Are Working On From Different Perspectives.
4. Faith And Fear Are Enemies To Each Other.
5. Faith Is The Builder Of The Mind, Body, Spirit, Life And Existence.
6. Fear Is The Destroyer Of The Mind, Body, Spirit, Life And Existence.
7. Faith And Fear Are Just Like What Is Recorded In Gal. 5:16-17.
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10. Fear And Works Go Opposite To Accomplish God's Purpose In His Kingdom.

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12. Allow Faith To Overcome Your Fear.

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D. THE ACRONYMS OF FAITH AND FEAR

1. The Acronyms Of Faith:

- a. Fantastic Adventure In To Him.
- b. Foundation After Investigation In To Him.
- c. Faith Is The Victory That Overcomes The World.
- d. Faith Of Our Fathers Is The Holy Faith Living Still.

6. The Acronyms Of Fear:

- a. Face Everything And Run.
- b. Face Everything And Rise.
- c. Fail Everything And Run.
- d. Fail Everything And Return.
- e. Face Everything And Return.
- f. Face Everything And Ruin.
- g. Forget Everything And Run.
- h. Forget Everything And Ruin.
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E. THE TYPES OR KINDS OF FAITH AND FEAR (PSA. 27:1-6; ISA. 41:10-20; REV. 2:10)

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- a. Name The Twenty-Four (24) Types Of Faith Mentioned In The Bible Such As: Great Faith, Little Faith, Dead Faith, Strong Faith, Weak Faith Etc.

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- a. Name The Twenty-Four (24) Types Of Faith Mentioned In The Bible Such As: Natural Fear, Physical Fear, Unknown Fear, Godly Fear, Emotional Fear Etc.

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F. THE BIBLICAL EXAMPLES OF FAITH AND FEAR (HEB. 11:1-6; ISA. 41:10-21; REV. 2:10)

- 1. Abraham.
- 2. Noah.
- 3. Daniel.
- 4. David.
- 5. The Hebrew Boys.

6. The Heroes Or Hall Of Faith.
7. The Lame Man In The Temple Gate.
8. The Woman With The Issue Of Blood.
9. Moses.
10. Jeremiah.
11. Jonah.
12. The Ten Spies Gave A Fearful Report.

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G. FAITH AND WORKS GO TOGETHER (JAS. 2:14-26; HEB. 11:1-6)

1. Jas. 2:14
2. Heb. 11:1-6
3. Gen. 12:1-4
4. Gen. 22:1ff
5. Rom. 4:1ff

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H. FAITH VERSES FEAR: FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD ALONE (JAS. 2:14-26; HEB. 11:1-6)

1. Read The Bible Passages Above.
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3. Draw The Practical Applications Of The Bible Passages Above.
4. Show The Various Slides Of Pictures Related To The Above Bible Passages.

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