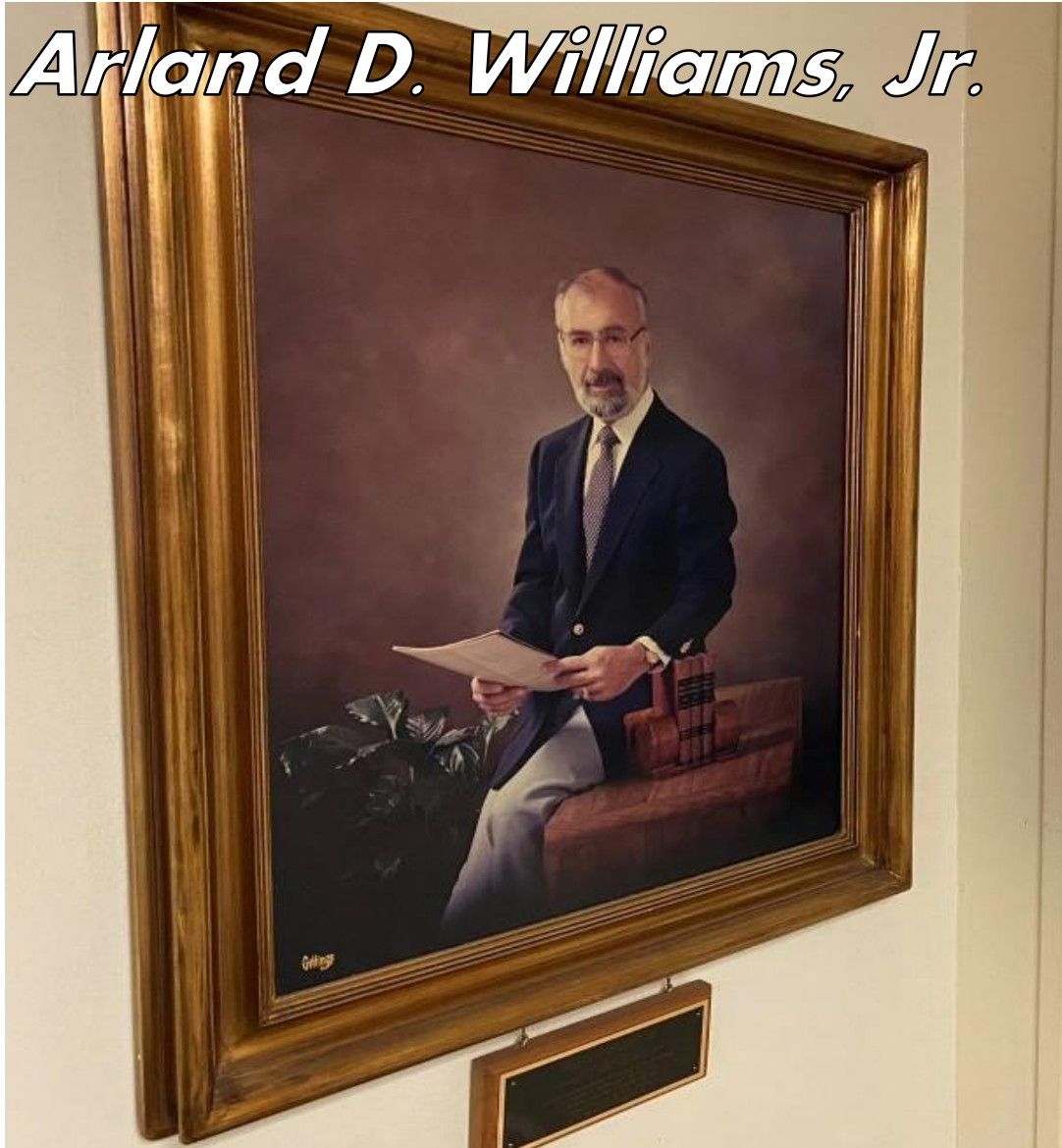


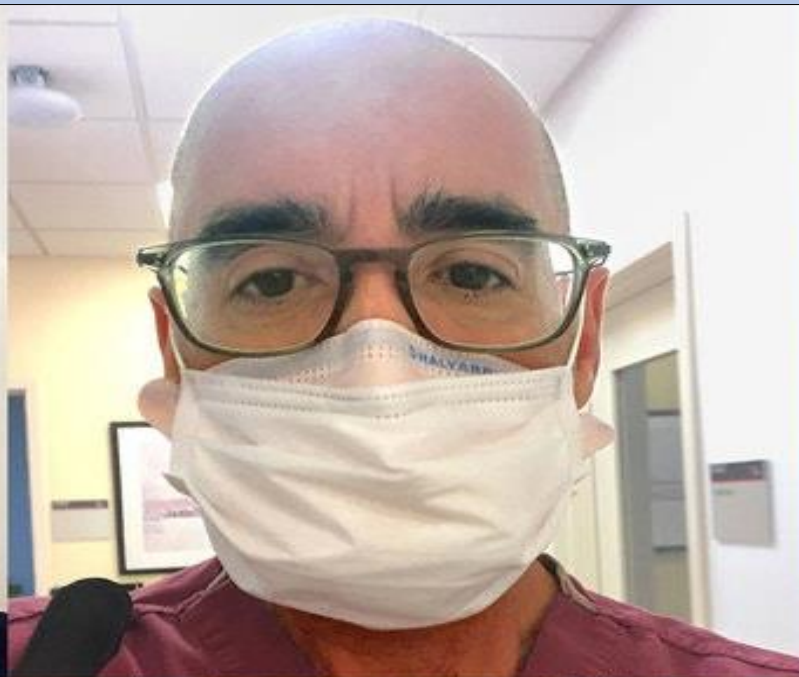
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✓ **40-Year Time Span....**

✓ **Important Factors
In Common....**

“Hero”....

1. Real People Called To Action In Dangerous Circumstances.
2. Showed Personal Initiative and Courage.
3. Sacrificed Comfort/Personal Safety To Rescue Another Person.

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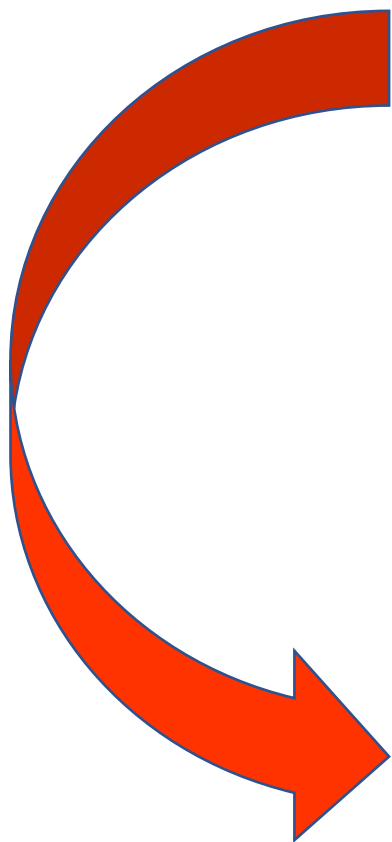
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Teaching	Text
Audience	"Brethren" (5:7,9,10,12,14,15,16)
Scope	"Anyone" (Insert Your Name)
Known	"Among You"
Situation	"Wanders From The Truth"
Instrument	"Someone" (Insert Your Name)
Rescue	"Turns Him Back" (Lk. 22:32)
Description	"Sinner...Error...His Way"
Eternal	"Save A Soul From Death"
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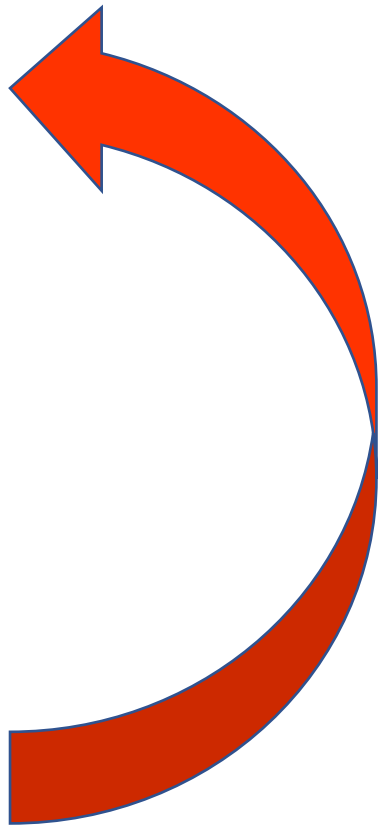


James 5: 19-20

**Can We Really
Make A
Difference?**



Turning



Points

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James 5: 19

&

Luke 15: 17



Step by Step



Over Time



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- **“We Miss You...”**
- **Hug at Starbucks**
- **Personal Notes**
- **Text Messages**
- **Phone Calls**
- **Favorite Hymn**
- **Reading The Bible**



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Ezekiel 37: 1-14

- **Setting** (1-3)
- **Instructions** (4-6)
- **Obedience** (7-10)
- **Restoration** (11-14)



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→ **Personal Initiative.**

→ **Simultaneous Efforts.**

→ **Consistency.**

→ **Cumulative Impact.**



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Luke

15:11-32:

Prodigal

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Rescuing Yourself!



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- **Practical Points** -
(James 5:19-20)
- **Turning Points** -
(Ezekiel 37:7-10)
- **Personal Points** -
(Luke 15:17-21)

Will **YOU** Be Somebody's "Hero"?

1. Call To Action – Delicate/Tense Circumstances.
2. Requires Personal Initiative, Courage, Humility.
3. Leave Comfort Zone To Save A Soul From Death?

Have You Submitted To Jesus?

- 1. Faith in God & Jesus**
(Heb. 11:6; Jn. 8:24)
- 2. Turn to God in Repentance**
(Acts 17:30)
- 3. Confess Your Faith in Jesus**
(Acts 8:37; Rom. 10:9-10)
- 4. Baptized For Remission of Sins**
(Acts 2:38; 22:16; Rom. 6:3-5)
- 5. Live Faithfully Each Day**
(Rev. 2:10)

(Mt. 28:18-20; Mk. 16:15-16; Lk. 24:46-47)

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