

## A Work that Lasts

Hideyoshi, a Japanese warlord in the 16th century, ordered the building of a colossal statue of Buddha for a shrine.

The work took five years and 50,000 men with Hideyoshi sometimes laboring anonymously alongside. Soon after it was finished, an earthquake caused the roof of the shrine to collapse, destroying the statue. Enraged, Hideyoshi shouted, “I put you here at great expense, and you can’t even look after your own temple.”

The statue and shrine were probably extraordinary. However, Hideyoshi misplaced his faith.

James tells us that “faith without works is dead.” The Bible provides many ways that you and I can express our faith: Rescue the oppressed (like those enslaved by sexual trafficking) and those unjustly killed (the unborn); and honor parents and marriage.

Concerned Women for America – fueled by faith – helps to rescue the oppressed, protect children, and engender respect for parents and marriage. These are lasting efforts that will reap tangible rewards for future generations for as long as the Lord tarries His return. Let us take heart and press forward with ever-greater faith in Him!



*Our faith is in a powerful and eternal God who cares more than we do for those we seek to serve. And He, unlike a statue, “is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us.”*

*Ephesians 3:20*



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