

Unshakable Faith!

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Acts 9:10-19

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Faith Statement:

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by serving Him with courage and faith.

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The Result...

5. A lasting impact.

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