

Walk by Faith, Not by Sight

The opposite of faith is not fear — it is sight. Fear is the result of walking by sight.

Key Verse: 2 Corinthians 5:7 — "For we walk by faith, not by sight."

I. THE THESIS: Faith vs. Sight (Not Faith vs. Fear)

- 2 Cor. 5:7
- 1 John 4:18

II. THE HEART'S EYES — The Organ of True Sight

- Eph. 1:18 — "the eyes of your heart being enlightened"
- Prov. 4:23 — "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life"
- What you **SEE WITH** determines what **COMES OUT** of you
- Physical eyes → fear flows out
- Heart's eyes → faith, courage, and life flow out
- Faith is not blindness — faith is **BETTER SIGHT**

III. PETER ON THE WATER — The Felt Illustration (Matt. 14:28–31)

- Peter steps out of the boat by **FAITH** — and walks on water
- "He saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink"
- The sequence: **Faith** → **Sight** → **Fear** → **Sinking**
- Jesus: "O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?"
- Jesus names it as a **FAITH** problem — fear was downstream of sight

IV. LOT LIFTING HIS EYES — The Warning (Gen. 13:10)

- "And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where..."
- The plain described as "like the land of Egypt" — walking by sight trends back toward Egypt
- In the same chapter, Abraham walks by faith and defers to Lot
- *Hebrews 11* celebrates Abraham; Lot ends up terrified in a cave
- Even a believer walking by sight drifts toward destruction and ends up afraid
- Are we familiar with how Sodom and Gomorrah ended?

V. THE HALL OF FAITH — Walking by Faith (Heb. 10:38 → 11)

- Heb. 10:38 — "Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him"
- Heb. 11:1 — "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen"
- Heb. 11:8 — Abraham "went out, not knowing whither he went"
- Heb. 11:13 — "having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them"
- Heb. 11:27 — Moses "endured, as seeing him who is invisible"
- Heb. 11:39–40 — "these all obtained a good report through faith"

VI. THE CALL — Looking Unto Jesus (Heb. 12:1–2)

- "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith"
- The one Object worthy of the heart's eyes
- Fix your eyes on Him — **walk by faith, not by sight**

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