

FAITH, NOT SIGHT

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"For we walk by faith, not by sight," 2 Corinthians 5:7 NJKV

Our senses, hearing, touch, taste and sight are great tools given to us by God. They are to be used on a daily basis to enrich our living experience. I am certain you would agree it's great to be able to hear in order to have the experience of sound in our world. As much as we all love food, it's a great joy to be able to taste our food. Having our sight I as great privilege and I for one am grateful God gave man the intelligence to design means for people who have impaired vision be able to see clearly via eyeglasses, contact lens and now surgery. This indicates there is a valuable use to our senses.

In the realm of the kingdom our sense of sight proves to be a setting where it is not useful. Hebrews 11:1 defines faith and the latter portion of that scripture states it is "...the evidence of things not seen." What one can see does not require one to have faith in it. Remember the expression, "seeing is believing." Well, that is truly not supported by scripture. Faith and believe are synonyms. God is spirit and cannot be seen by the human eye. One has to have faith to adopt the precept that God exists. I am certain this is why the bible teaches without faith it is impossible to please God. It takes belief in the existence of the unseen God to center one's life pleasing Him. All humans are endowed with the ability to operate in faith even if one is not born with or loses their sight. The blind man in the bible did not need to see Jesus to have faith in Jesus to receive his sight.

To some extent the sight sense has caused many to stumble in the domain of faith. As a believer in God we must continue to exercise faith in the power and authority of God to oversee our life. It is easy to trust sight and override faith when we allow our humanity to dominate. It is a daily conscious decision to walk by faith in a crumbling world where jobs, housing, and daily concerns confront us. Our faith in the word of God is critical to our survival in a world that's driven by greed, injustice and moral depravity. Let's use our sight to read the word and build our confidence in the faith we should have in our mighty God who is able to do more than we can ask or think. This is a daily change we all must do.

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