

Fantasy World 3: Faith Over Fantasy

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I. Take the Long View

Colossians 2:6-8 (NASB) *Paul is writing to a new church*

6 Therefore, as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, **7** having been firmly rooted and *now* being built up in Him and **established in your faith**, just as you were instructed, *and* overflowing with gratitude. **8** **See to it that there is no one who takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception in accordance with human tradition, in accordance with the elementary principles of the world,** rather than in accordance with Christ.

 Built up and established in your _____ in Christ Jesus

Job 28:20-28 (NIV'95) **20** "Where then does wisdom come from?
Where does understanding dwell?

21 It is hidden from the eyes of every living thing,
concealed even from the birds of the air.

22 Destruction and Death say,
'Only a rumor of it has reached our ears.'

23 God understands the way to it
and he alone knows where it dwells,

24 for he views the ends of the earth
and sees everything under the heavens.

25 When he established the force of the wind
and measured out the waters,

26 when he made a decree for the rain
and a path for the thunderstorm,

27 then he looked at wisdom and appraised it;
he confirmed it and tested it.

28 And he said to man, 'The fear of the Lord - that is wisdom, and to shun evil is understanding.'


 Wisdom puts its faith in _____ way of living

"Not until we have become humble and teachable, standing in awe of God's holiness and sovereignty, acknowledging our own littleness, distrusting our own thoughts, and willing to have our minds turned upside down, can divine wisdom become ours."

— J.I. Packer

II. A Shift

Matthew 21:28-32 (NIV) *Jesus, two kinds of sons* **28** "But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, 'Son, go work today in the vineyard.' **29** But he replied, 'I do not want to.' Yet afterward he regretted it and went. **30** And *the man* came to his second son and said the same thing; and he replied, 'I *will*, sir'; and *yet* he did not go. **31** Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I say to you that the tax collectors and prostitutes will get into the kingdom of God before you. **32** For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him; but the tax collectors and prostitutes did believe him; and you, seeing *this*, did not even have second thoughts afterward so as to believe him.

 Faith chooses the _____ way

Hebrews 11:1-2 (NIV'95) *Faith in Action* **1** Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. **2** This is what the ancients were commended for.

III. Walking by Faith

2 Corinthians 5:6-7 (NIV'95) *Paul says life in the body is temporary*

6 Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. **7** We live by faith, not by sight.

 Don't lose your _____ - trust God's way

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This Week's Bible Readings (Use the TCND App if you want to listen):

Sat Job 37-38 **Sun** Job 39-40 **Mon** Job 41-42; Acts 17

Tue Ps 13-16; Acts 18 **Wed** Prov 1-3; Acts 19 **Thur** Prov 4-6; Acts 20

Fri Prov 7-9; Acts 21 **Sat** Prov 10-12

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