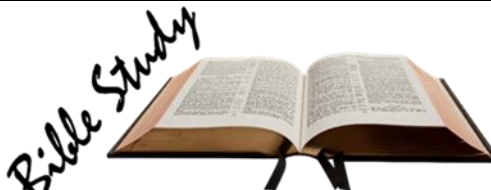


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## VISIBLE FAITH!

### Scripture Setting

- Matthew 20:29-31
- Mark 2:3-11
- Mark 10:46-48
- Acts 14:8-10
- James 2:14-26

### What Is Visible Faith?

- A rational outlook, i.e., it is knowledge based. It is founded in knowing the character, will, power, and authority of the God in whom you believe.

### Two Blind Men's Visible Faith (Matthew 20:29-31)

- **Fact.** Their hearing compensated for their blindness.
- **Faith.** "When they heard" that Jesus was coming their way, their mindset and goal changed.
- **Fact.** The elevation in their expectation was predicated on their knowledge.
- **Faith.** This knowledge raised their expectation.

### The Bleeding Woman's Visible Faith (Mark 5:24-29)

- **Fact.** She was desperate.

- **Faith.** This bleeding woman's desperation gave her faith.
- **Fact.** She was considered unclean by Jewish law. *"If a woman has a discharge of blood for many days, other than at the time of her customary impurity, or if it runs beyond her usual time of impurity, all the days of her unclean discharge shall be as the days of her customary impurity. She shall be unclean"* (Lev. 15:25, see vv. 19-24, NKJV).
- **Faith. She went out** into the public space and intermingled with the crowd.
- **Faith. She reached; She touched.**

### Faith of the Relentless Four (Mark 2:1-12)

- **Fact.** A man was sick and needed healing.
- **Faith.** Four men heard about a miracle worker and carried this man to Jesus on a bed.
- **Fact.** Normal access to Jesus was blocked.
- **Faith.** The four men persevered and found another route.

### Bartimaeus' Visible Faith (Mark 10:46-48)

- **Fact.** Bartimaeus was physically blind.
- **Faith.** He was blind but he could hear. *"...faith comes by hearing"* (Rom. 10:17).
- **Faith.** His action was to cry out for help.
- *"And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me"* (v. 47).

## Faith of the Nameless Cripple (Acts 14:8-10)

- **Fact.** This man was born crippled.
- **Fact.** He “heard” Paul speaking.
- **Fact.** He had visible “faith to be healed” (v. 9).

## Practical Visible Faith: Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is

*(James 2:14-26)*

- Do you have faith in God to give your only car to a family in greater need than yourself? (vv. 14-16).
- Do you have faith in God to pay your tithes when your mortgage/rent/car note is due?

## Practical Visible Faith: Abraham's Visible Faith (*vv. 19-24*)

- **Fact.** Isaac was the promised son. The one from whom his posterity would come. Abraham had waited many years for his birth.
- **Fact.** God told him to offer Isaac as a sacrifice.
- **Faith.** Abraham obeyed and would have killed his son if God had not stopped him.

## Practical Visible Faith: Rahab's Visible Faith (*vv. 25-26*)

- **Fact.** Rahab was a Canaanite and a harlot.
- **Fact.** Israel was Canaan's enemy.
- **Faith.** Rahab had "heard" about Israel's God (Jos 2:9-11).
- She chose faith.

## Notes