

WALK THIS WAY

Walk By Faith

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. (**Heb. 11:1**)

...for we walk by faith, not by sight... (**2 Cor. 5:7, ESV**)

- **Walking by sight looks to the natural – seeing is believing** – “Unless I see...unless I touch...I will not believe.” (**John 20:25b, paraphrased**)
- **Walking by faith looks beyond to the supernatural – believing is seeing** – “By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king’s anger; he persevered because he saw Him who is invisible.” (**Heb. 11:27**)

So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. (**2 Cor. 4:18**)

🔗 **Question: So what about faith and doubt?**

- **Doubt is the honest question – a challenged faith** – “Immediately the boy’s father exclaimed, ‘I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!’” (**Mark 9:24**)
- **Unbelief is the rejection of the answer – an absence of faith** – “The fool says in his heart, there is no God.” (**Psalms 14:1**)

This walk of faith is accomplished through...

- **The word of God (learning)** – “Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.” (**Rom. 10:17**)
- **The Spirit of God (depending)** – “But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Spirit. Keep yourselves in God’s love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.” (**Jude 20-21**)
- **The people of God (encouraging)** – “We sent Timothy, who is our brother and God’s fellow worker in spreading the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you in your faith, so that no one would be unsettled by these trials.” (**1 Thes. 3:2-3**)
- **The trials of life (refining)** – “These have come so that your faith – of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire – may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.” (**1 Pet. 1:7**)
- **The reward(s) of God (expecting)** – “He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.” (**Heb. 11:26**)