

When Faith Becomes Sight

Faith has a purpose. It serves as a strength as we go through life and head for final victory - eternal life. Faith is rarely developed in comfortable surroundings. Think of the heroes of faith in Hebrews 11. They faced the impossible; believed the incredible; and watched God perform the miraculous. Faith defined their relationship with God. This is what is so inspiring about them. What is the process by which faith becomes sight?

I. Believe Like Moses

- A. Hebrews 11.27-29 - Moses ***persevered*** as one who sees him who is invisible.
- B. Exodus 35.5 - Moses receives the command from God and delivers the message to the people. This was an act of faith for everyone.
 - 1. Exodus 12.30 - *there wasn't a house without someone **dead**.*
 - 2. Exodus 35.4-5 - God asks for a response ... and v. 21 says they did.
 - a) 36.5-7 - They had to stop giving. *There was **more** than enough.*
 - b) Faith becomes sight in the completed tabernacle.

II. Prepare Like David

- A. 1 Chronicles 17.1 - David lives in a palace. God dwells in a tent.
 - 1. David moves into action and then God says, "wait," 17.4, 11-12.
 - 2. 29.1 - *the building will not be built for a human, but for the **Lord God**.*
- B. The faith that becomes sight is:
 - 1. 29.2 - Zealous. *I have made provision ...to the **best** of my ability.*
 - 2. 29.3 - Affectionate. *Because of my **delight**...*
 - 3. 29.3 - Sacrificial. *I now give my personal treasures **over and above**...*
- C. Faith is more than a profession...
 - 1. Colossians 3.23 - *Whatever you do, do it from the **heart**, as something done for the Lord and not for people...*
 - 2. Colossians 3.2: *Set your **minds** on things above, not on earthly things.*

III. Build Like Nehemiah

- A. 2.17 - *Come, **let's rebuild** Jerusalem's wall, so that we will no longer be a disgrace.*
- B. 2.18 - he prayed fervently.
- C. 2.19 - he acted decisively.
- D. This project, which had been neglected for almost a century, got completed because Nehemiah took the initiative and saw the task through. It's a huge testimony to his faith.

IV. Conclusion

- A. During this year of uncertainty and discomfort, how is God calling you to make a difference?
- B. 1 John 5.4 - Will you step out in faith?