

**Faith Basics 101**  
**Session 5 – Seeing Through the Eyes of Faith**

**I. Review**

**A. Why Faith?** Faith is the means by which we receive from God

**B. The Function of Faith** – Faith receives what God has already provided.

**C. How to Receive by Faith** – The Process of Using Faith to Receive

**D. The Law of Faith** – If you work the principles/laws that govern faith, you will always get the results of faith.

**II. Faith Sees**

**A. Blind Faith**

1. Definition = a belief without true understanding or perception
2. The world often accuses Christians of having blind faith
3. Biblical faith is not blind faith!
4. Biblical faith SEES in another realm
  - a. Physical sight vs Spiritual Sight

**B. 2 Corinthians 4:18 (KJV)** – *While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal*

**1. Things that are seen**

- a. Circumstances
- b. Symptoms
- c. Natural things/words/reports
- d. Things relating to the natural world

**2. Things that are not-seen**

- a. Spiritual things
- b. Things based on the Word of God

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c. Things relating to the Spirit world

### 3. Biblical faith develops in seeing the un-seen based on the promises of God

#### C. Abraham's faith focused on what could be seen by faith vs what could be seen in the natural.

1. **Romans 4:19 (KJV)** – *And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb:*
2. **ORIGINAL TEXT:** *He actually did see and consider that His body was dead and that Sarah's womb was dead – However he refused to allow his faith to be moved by what he saw!*
3. **Abraham focused his attention on what faith could see rather than how things appeared in the natural.**

#### D. The Example of Jesus and Jairus

1. **Mark 5:35-39 (KJV)** – <sup>35</sup>*While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house certain which said, Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further?*  
<sup>6</sup>*As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe.* <sup>37</sup>*And he suffered no man to follow him, save Peter, and James, and John the brother of James.* <sup>38</sup>*And he cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and **seeth** the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly.* <sup>39</sup>*And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth.*
  1. As soon as Jesus **heard** the word that was spoken –
    - a. Jesus intercepted the words that were spoken  
 “Be not afraid only believe”
    - b. Jesus knew that the natural words that had been spoken had the potential to destroy/choke Jairus' faith.
    - c. Jesus spoke spiritual/FAITH words over words that declared the natural reality of things.

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2. Jesus seeth the tumult
  - a. **Tumult** = NIV = Commotion - gr = noisy crowd in an uproar
3. When JESUS heard and saw things that created natural emotions of fear, HE responded with words and actions of faith
4. Jesus refused to allow what He saw and heard to dictate the outcome of circumstances
5. Biblical faith is not moved by what we see and hear
6. Biblical faith refuses to allow what is seen or heard to dictate the outcome.
7. **Hebrews 11:1(KJV)** – *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*

#### E. Watch out for things that have the potential to counter-attack your faith!

- a. Words “Always guard your ears from negative words”
  - The best way to negate negative words is to stay full of faith words!
  - God’s words are faith words
- b. Symptoms that remind you that your sickness still exist
- c. Natural signs that remind you that your problem still exist
- d. Last Weeks Example:
 

**Mark 9:25-27 (KJV)** – <sup>25</sup>*When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him. <sup>26</sup>And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead. <sup>27</sup>But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose*

  - In Matthew 17 – Jesus reveals that the reason the disciples could not cast this spirit out was because of unbelief.
  - Most likely, the disciples experienced the same response of the young man falling down and convulsing on the ground. This natural/demonic response prompted unbelief in their hearts. THE DISCIPLES WERE MOVED BY WHAT THEY SAW! Faith was lost – results were lost.

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- Jesus was not moved even when others said “He is dead”
- Faith that produces will not be moved by what it sees and hears!

#### **F. I’m Not Moved by That**

- a. My personal response to the enemy in my health battle
- b. My confession is still, “With his stripes I am healed”
- c. My Faith is not moved by circumstances because faith is not connected to circumstances
- d. My Confession is not changed by circumstances because my confession is based entirely upon my faith in God’s Word
- e. My Expectation is not changed – because faith expects to receive everything God has promised.
- f. My Praise has not changed – because my praise is an expression of my faith in the promises of God
- g. Real faith is grounded/settled and unmovable – because of the surety of our covenant with God!