



## "BEGIN SEEING WITH EYES OF FAITH"

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**Hebrews 11:6** (NIV): *"Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him."*

**Hebrews 11:1** (TLB): *"What is faith? It is the confident assurance that something we want is going to happen. It is the certainty that what we hope for is waiting for us, even though we cannot see it up ahead."*

**Ephesians 1: 17** (TEV): *"and ask the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, to give you the Spirit, who will make you wise and reveal God to you, so that you will know him."*

**Ephesians 1: 18** (TEV): *"I ask that your minds may be opened to see his light, so that you will know what is the hope to which he has called you, how rich are the wonderful blessings he promises his people,"*

### WHEN I SEE WITH EYES OF FEAR:

#### 1. I exaggerate My Difficulties

**Numbers 13:27-28** (NIV2011): *"They gave Moses this account: 'We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit. But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there.'"*

**Numbers 13:31-32** (NIV2011): *"But the men who had gone up with him said, 'We can't attack those people; they are stronger than we are.' And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored. They said, 'The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size.'"*

#### 2. I underestimate My Own Abilities

**Numbers 13:33b** (NIV): *.... We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them. '*

#### 3. I get Discouraged

**Numbers 14:1** (TLB): *"Then all the people began weeping aloud, and they carried on all night."*

#### 4. I start To Complain

**Numbers 14:2** (NIV2011): *"All the Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron, and the whole assembly said to them, 'If only we had died in Egypt! Or in this wilderness"*

## 5. I eventually give up On God

**Numbers 14:3** (NIV2011): *"Why is the LORD bringing us to this land only to let us fall by the sword? Our wives and children will be taken as plunder. Wouldn't it be better for us to go back to Egypt?"*

### WHEN I SEE WITH EYES OF FAITH??

#### 1. Faith shrivels up My Problem

**Genesis 18:14a** (TLB): *"Is anything too hard for the Lord?"*

**Luke 1 :37** (NL T): *"For nothing is impossible with God!"*

#### 2. Faith opens the door For a Miracle

**Mark 11 :22-24** (NL T): *"Then Jesus said to the disciples, 'Have faith in God. I tell you the truth, you can say to this mountain, 'May you be lifted up and thrown into the sea, ' and it will happen. But you must really believe it will happen and have no doubt in your heart. I tell you, you can pray for anything, and if you believe that you've received it, it will be yours.'"*

**Matthew 13:58** (N IV2011): *"And he did not do many miracles there [this is Jesus' hometown] because of their lack of faith."*

#### 3. Faith moves God to Act on My Behalf

**Matthew 9:29** (NIV):*"., According to your faith it will be done to you.'*

#### 4. Faith unlocks All of God's Promises

**2 Corinthians 1 :20a** (NIV): *"For no matter how many promises God has made, they are all 'Yes' in Christ!"*

#### 5. Faith gives me Power to Hold On In Tough Times

**2 Corinthians 4:8-9** (TLB): *"We are pressed on every side by troubles, but not crushed and broken. We are perplexed because we don't know why things happen as they do, but we don't give up and quit. We are hunted down, but God never abandons us. We get knocked down, but we get up again and keep going."*

**John 3:16** (NIV): *"God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, so that whoever believes in Him, should not perish but have everlasting life."*

**John 3:3** (NIV): *In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again. "*

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