

# we truly lived by faith and not by sight?

“For we live by faith, not by sight.”

## 2 Cor 5:7

Do you find that circumstances, experiences, attitudes or abilities are, often, what determines the decisions you make, or the direction that you take in life? What difference would it make if, rather than being led by the things we see, know, or can do, we made every effort to be led by our faith in what is unseen?

### What is Faith?

“Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.” (Heb 11:1)

Three main “types” of faith in the Bible:

**Saving Faith** - When we first believe, God makes us righteous by His gift of grace through faith (Eph 2:8).

**Gift of Faith** – A God-given, supernatural ability to confidently believe God for the impossible, without wavering (1 Cor 12:9 & Heb 11).

**Living Faith** – Goes beyond just a belief in God. It is a continued trusting in Him, His goodness and the eternal hope we have in Him (Heb 10:19-25).

We all have a measure of “Living Faith” which grows as we mature as believers and deepen our relationship with, and trust in, God (Eph 4:13-15).

### How do we Live by Faith?

Faith is not blind! It is based on the reality of our salvation (John 6:47), our relationship with the Father (John 1:12), and the truth of His word (2 Tim 3:16).

When we put our faith in things/people other than God, it's easy for our confidence and sense of security to be shaken (1 Tim 6:17 & Psa 146). God is the unchanging one (Mal 3:6) and we can trust Him, always (Psa 9:9-10 & 62:5-8).

To live by faith is to live trusting completely in God. Setting aside our wisdom, knowledge and abilities (Prov 3:5-6), taking our eyes off the temporary things we see around us and fixing them on Him and on eternity (2 Cor 4:13-18).

We do this by:

- Hearing/reading His word (Rom 10:17)
- Believing that His word is true (Num 23:19)
- Putting His word into action (Jam 2:14-26)
- Walking in step with the Holy Spirit (Gal 5:22-25)
- Persevering in every circumstance (Rom 5:1-5)

**This Month's Challenge...** Ask the Holy Spirit to show you any circumstances, plans or attitudes that you need to submit to God and to reveal His will for them. When you read the word, ask God to show you how to put it into action. Ask God to increase your faith and trust in His faithfulness.

**At the end of the month, don't stop, continue to walk more and more by faith in what is unseen.**