

Not Seeing is Believing

Hebrews 11:1

Ok, that title sounds silly but listen to these words: “faith is being certain of what we do not see.” Most people live by this statement, “seeing is believing,” but as a follower of Christ we do not need to see to believe. We do need to hear. We need to hear what the Lord says, and then we believe it just like those folks who have to see to believe.

Jesus said to Thomas, who finally encountered the resurrected Lord, “Because you have seen me you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen me yet have believed.” Jesus blesses those who have faith in what He has said and is still saying. Do you truly believe that all the gifts listed in I Corinthians 12:1-11 are available to you today? Here is the test to your faith. Which of these gifts are you operating in today? If you are like me, you will probably be saying that you are not operating in all of them. I speak in tongues but why don't I heal the sick? I get prophetic words and words of knowledge but how come it is so hard for me to operate in the gift of miraculous powers. I tried to stop a storm the other day but it did not work. I know you may think that is crazy but Jesus did it and Jesus said that we would do the things that He did and even greater things. Check out John 14:12. People call me delusional for believing this, but I am not going to give up.

Why is the life of faith so challenging? I believe one reason is due to our conditioning. We have become products of this world and even though we are members of another world, the Kingdom of God, we think like earthlings. We are culture bound. We have minds that have been so influenced by science and practicality that we can only be certain of what we see. You're saved, aren't you? You are going to heaven, aren't you? How do you know that? Because you read it in God's Word and you have believed. You believe in Jesus even though you have not seen Him. Does the Holy Spirit live in you? Well, aren't those gifts called the “Gifts of the Spirit”?

Here is another reason people don't walk in full anointing. They are afraid to take risks. We want a guarantee that if we risk stepping out that we won't sink. We always laugh at Peter, who jumped out of the boat, took a few steps and then began to sink. Listen, I have sunk. But there was always a hand there to pick me up. I was afraid to try again but I did because I can't help myself. Jesus said we could do it and I'm going to do it! How about you? Our church is GOING to have a healing ministry and it is not going to be just the pastor doing it. It's going to be you! Our church is GOING to move mountains some day and it is not going to be just your pastor doing it. It's going to be you!

Everything in the Kingdom is accessible by faith. Faith is the currency of the Kingdom. You don't have to see to believe. Read it in God's Word, pray for it, believe you have received, and do it. You will encounter the stubborn resistance of your own conditioning, evil spirits trying to contain you and people laughing at you, but if you continue you will surprise yourself. It will happen just as God has said. Remember, without faith it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 1:6).