

Faith Over Fear

Decades - Part 1b

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Would you **commit** for the next 8 weeks to:

- Pray
- Be here on Sundays
- Journal daily
- Participate in a Decades Small Group
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*“This Good News tells us how God makes us right in His sight. This is accomplished **from start to finish** by **faith**. As the Scriptures say, ‘It is through **faith** that a righteous person has life.’” Romans 1:17 (NLT)*

*“And it is **impossible** to please God without **faith**. Anyone who wants to come to Him must believe that God exists and that He **rewards** those who sincerely seek Him.” Hebrews 11:6 (NLT)*

Faith is seeing from God’s point of view.

*“Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of **things we cannot see**.” Hebrews 11:1 (NLT)*

With eyes of fear:

- **We exaggerate our difficulties**

“²⁷This was their report to Moses: ‘We entered the land you sent us to explore, and it is indeed a bountiful country ... ²⁸But the people living there are powerful, and their towns are large and fortified. ... ’” Numbers 13:27-28 (NLT)

- **We underestimate our own abilities**

“We even saw giants there, the descendants of Anak. Next to them we felt like grasshoppers, and that’s what they thought, too!” Numbers 13:33 (NLT)

- **We get discouraged**

“Then the whole community began weeping aloud, and they cried all night.” Numbers 14:1 (NLT)

- **We give up and we blame God**

“Why is the Lord taking us to this country only to have us die in battle? ... Wouldn’t it be better for us to return to Egypt?” Numbers 14:3 (NLT)

With eyes of faith:

- **Faith shrinks my problems**

“For nothing will be impossible with God.” Luke 1:37 (ESV)

- **Faith opens the door for a miracle**

“²² ... ‘Have faith in God. ²³I 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. ²⁴I tell you, you can pray for anything, and if you believe that you’ve received it, it will be yours.” Mark 11:22-24 (NLT)

- **Faith moves God to act on my behalf**

“... According to your faith let it be done to you ... ” Matthew 9:29 (NIV)

- **Faith unlocks all the promises of God**

“For no matter how many promises God has made, they are ‘Yes’ in Christ. ... ” 2 Corinthians 1:20 (NIV)

- **Faith gives me power to hold on in tough times**

“⁸We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. ⁹We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed.” 2 Corinthians 4:8-9 (NLT)

Which eyes are you seeing with?

Fear

Faith

*“For this is how God loved the world: He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who **believes** in Him will not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16 (NLT)*