

# Walking by Faith and Not by Sight

AM SERMON

Getting Comfortable in the Uncomfortable

**Text: II Corinthians 5:7**

For we walk by faith, not by sight.”

**Context:**

**II Corinthians 4:17–5:10 (NKJV)**

<sup>17</sup> For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, <sup>18</sup> while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal. <sup>1</sup> For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

<sup>2</sup> For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, <sup>3</sup> if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked. <sup>4</sup> For we who are in this tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life.

<sup>5</sup> Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. <sup>6</sup> So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord.

<sup>7</sup> For we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup> We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. <sup>10</sup> For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

**What the Bible Says About Our Comfort:**

1. We All Face Struggles, But Faith Reframes Them
2. Walking by Faith Feels Uncomfortable, but It's Actually the More Certain Path
3. Walking by Faith Must Become Our Lifestyle, Not Our Emergency Plan

**Point #1: We All Face Struggles, But Faith Reframes Them**

**Romans 8:28 (NASB)**

And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.

**I Peter 1:6–7 (NASB)**

<sup>6</sup> In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, <sup>7</sup> so that the proof of your faith, *being* more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

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## Hebrews 13:5 (KJV)

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee

## Point #2: Walking by Faith Feels Uncomfortable, but It's Actually the More Certain Path

## Hebrews 11:1 (KJV)

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

## Romans 8:24–25 (NASB)

<sup>24</sup> For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he *already* sees? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.

## John 20:29 (NASB)

Jesus said to him, Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed *are* they who did not see, and *yet* believed."

## Point #3: Walking by Faith Must Become Our Lifestyle, Not Our Emergency Plan

## Romans 12:2 (NASB)

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

## I Corinthians 2:5 (NASB)

so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God.

## Colossians 2:6-7 (NASB)

<sup>6</sup> Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, *so* walk in Him, <sup>7</sup> having been firmly rooted *and now* being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, *and* overflowing with gratitude.

## CONCLUSION — Get Comfortable Walking by Faith

- Struggles are real — but temporary.
- Sight is shaky — but faith is steady.
- Faith grows — and becomes a lifestyle.
- Your faith becomes a witness — and strengthens others (PM Sermon)

**Walking by faith is not a moment. It's a rhythm. And the more you walk it, the more comfortable you become.**

## INVITATION

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### Your Comfort Becomes Their Comfort

#### **Text: 2 Corinthians 5:14–15 (NKJV)**

<sup>14</sup> For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died;<sup>15</sup> and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.

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#### **What The Bible Says About Their Comfort**

1. Peace Becomes Visible
2. Your Life Is Light
3. Others Are Watching Your Endurance

#### **Point #1: Peace Becomes Visible**

##### **Colossians 3:15 (NKJV)**

And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

##### **Proverbs 3:5–6 (NKJV)** — Trust in the Lord with all your heart.

<sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; <sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

##### **Psalms 37:7 (ESV)**

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him.

#### **Point #2: Your Life Is Light**

##### **Matthew 5:14–16 (KJV)**

<sup>14</sup> Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

<sup>15</sup> Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

<sup>16</sup> Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

##### **Proverbs 4:18 (NKJV)**

But the path of the just *is* like the shining sun, That shines ever brighter unto the perfect day.

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## **Psalm 112:4 (ESV)**

Light dawns in the darkness for the upright; he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.

## **Point #3: Others Are Watching Your Endurance**

## **Hebrews 12:1–2 (NASB)**

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

## **Ecclesiastes 7:8 (NASB)**

The end of a matter is better than its beginning; Patience of spirit is better than haughtiness of spirit.

## **Proverbs 24:16 (NASB)**

For a righteous man falls seven times, and rises again, But the wicked stumble in *time of calamity*.

**Your faith becomes their strength  
Your walk becomes their encouragement  
Your example becomes their invitation to trust God**

## **RESPONSE TO THE INVITATION OF FAITH:**

- 1. HEAR the GOSPEL ~ Romans 10:17**  
So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.
- 2. BELIEVE ~ Hebrews 11:6**  
But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he that cometh to God must believe that He is and He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.
- 3. REPENT ~ Luke 13:3**  
I tell you nay; but except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish.
- 4. CONFESS ~ Matthew 10:32-33**  
Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.
- 5. BE BAPTIZED ~ Acts 22:16**  
And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.