

# WORD OF THE DAY



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“For we walk by faith, not by sight”

### The Scent of Faith



**Proof is paramount.** We live in a world in which everyone wants proof. When you purchase something from a retailer, you are given a receipt which shows proof of purchase, so if you need to return it, there is credible evidence of your purchase. We drive around with insurance cards which provide proof of insurance so that if a police officer stops us, we can demonstrate credible evidence that we have our vehicle insured. Furthermore, when purchasing alcohol, many businesses will require you to provide proof of your age by showing a driver's license which gives them credible evidence of the date of your birth. Over time, when society tries to change the way proof is provided, such as from physical items to digital receipts, people become uncomfortable. So, in a world where proof is paramount, why are we as Christians called to walk(live) by faith? And is having faith akin to trusting without proof?

**A different proof.** In our verse of the day, Paul shows empathy to the believers in Corinth who were longing to be with Jesus. Some had heard of His[Jesus] resurrection into heaven and had believed, and others had heard but had not believed. Paul continues and writes to them stating that although we as believers are in this body and absent with the Lord physically, we have the presence of the Lord spiritually with us in the Holy Spirit (2nd Corinthians 2:4-6). Paul encourages these believers to know that the Holy Spirit is the credible proof of the risen Christ, this is what would empower them to "Walk by Faith and not by sight." Although these believers could no longer see Jesus walking the earth with their eyes to be encouraged, and they could no longer hear His words with their ears to be instructed, they now had a new way to be encouraged and instructed; by sensing(connecting with) Jesus through the Holy Spirit.

**Faith is not blind.** Although there is an aspect of faith which indicates that we can no longer rely on a certain sense that we have been accustomed to using, Christian faith itself is not blind. Imagine being in a room and blindfolded. Next I spin you around 10 times (to disorient you) and then I tell you to walk (blindfolded) to the door which is 100 feet away. Blind faith would be like trying to make this walk with no way of sensing the reality around you to gauge the distance and location of the door. Now imagine walking that same distance blindfolded, but this time, someone puts a rose in front of your nose so that as you smell, you are led in the correct direction towards the door (step by step). In the 2nd blindfolded walk (with the rose), you would have evidence and credible proof regarding which direction to go, the difficulty for you however would not have been a lack of evidence, but the lack of comfort in switching from your sense of sight to your sense of smell. Likewise, for the believer, Christian faith is not blind faith, but a conscious choice to switch from our opinions, preferences, and the views of others, to believing the WORD of God as confirmed by the Holy Spirit. This switch from walking by sight to walking by faith is uncomfortable, but the fragrance of God's love will lead the way.

-Your brother in Christ, WNL

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### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The Holy Spirit in your heart, is credible proof of our resurrected Savior in heaven.

### PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear God, thank you for reminding me that I have the Holy Spirit in me who guides and provides more than enough evidence that you are alive. Help me to know that Christian faith is not blind, but a switching from being led by physical senses to spiritual senses which are anchored in your WORD and credibly proven by your Holy Spirit. In Jesus name I pray, Amen.



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