



NEXT VISION | FAITH

If you can **SEE** it, you can achieve it.

Lesson Goal

Jesus came to give sight to the blind - a vision that sees beyond the surface. With divine insight, you'll be able to live each day with a sense of purpose and clarity, allowing you to navigate life confidently.

BLIND FAITH

"You're going the wrong way, you're not even in the right city. Follow me, and I will take you to the man you seek" | 2 Kings 6:19

Not a single soldier can see where they're at, nor do they know where they are going. All they can do is blindly follow Elisha's lead. They must place their trust in a man whom they cannot see, believing that he will guide them with their best interests in mind.

FAITH IS THE ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT

"Few things challenge our faith more than a divinely ordered vision."

- Andy Stanley

FAITH

'Faith' is mentioned over 300 times in the New Testament.

This is more than the words love, heaven, sin, grace, hope, mercy, or salvation.

The importance of faith cannot be overstated.

Doubt only appears 38 times.

Hebrews 11:1...

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

"Faith is the assurance of things you have hoped for, the absolute conviction that there are realities you've never seen." VOICE

"What is Faith? It is the confident assurance that something we want is going to happen. It is the certainty that what we hope for is waiting for us, even though we cannot see it up ahead." TLB

"Now Faith is... perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses..." AMP (excerpt)

Faith pushes us to take risks others may consider unsafe, to dream beyond practicality, and to expect the seemingly impossible. Faith boils down to simply believing that God will do what He promises.

"We have twenty-five cents, and all the promises of God!"

- Hudson Taylor

“WE WALK BY FAITH, NOT BY SIGHT”

The realization of **2 Corinthians 5:7** can be seen in Bartimaeus. Blind from birth, he displayed great faith when he encountered Jesus. In the literal sense, **he walked by faith, not by sight**. Bartimaeus' faith was founded on God's Word, since Jesus declared in **Luke 4:18** that he was here to **restore sight to the blind**.

FAITH IT PREVAILS DESPITE THE CIRCUMSTANCES

Faith never sees defeat!

He was known as 'blind' Bartimaeus. His condition defined him. Without a miracle, he would be blind for the rest of his life. Then Jesus showed up! Instead of focusing on the impossible, Bartimaeus exercised his faith!

It is sometimes necessary to look past certain people. Don't let them frustrate you. You might need to look past attitudes, nagging doubts, and naysayers.

Your faith must be stronger than your circumstance.

“Obstacles cannot crush me, every obstacle yields to stern resolve, for he who is fixed to a star does not change his mind.”

- Leonardo da Vinci

FAITH IT PREVAILS DESPITE THE PREVIOUS FAILURE

Faith never sees defeat!

Jesus! Say his name. Say it often! Speak Jesus over your situation. Speak Jesus over your sickness. **Speak Jesus over your vision!** Say the name! Pray the name! Declare his name! Jesus!

A GOOD PLACE TO DUMP THE PAIN AND REGRETS...

(Did things not go according to plan? Refuse to accept defeat! It is time to saddle up and ride again. You have learned some valuable lessons from the previous rides. Take note of the pain and the lesson. It's time to ride!)

"Face the giants in your life, slay them and move on. Do not be daunted by the mistakes and failures in your life."

- TD Jakes

FAITH IT PREVAILS DESPITE THE NEED

Faith has no limits!

Our personal vision, no matter how big, is not too much for Him to handle. There are no impossibilities with God. **If you can see it, you can achieve it!**

"All I have seen teaches me to trust the creator for all I have not seen."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Let's Summarize:

Faith is unwavering, persistent, and limitless. Consider this in the context of your vision. If you are going to achieve it, you must rise above situations that appear to have you defeated, and you must keep working it no matter how many times you want to throw in the towel.

THE REST OF THE STORY

If you pursue your God-given vision, He might lead you to unexpected places. Your faith, then, is not just for the journey but also for the time spent in enemy territory.