

NOT BY SIGHT

Two Responses

- I. Matthew 14-When what you see or feel contradicts the truth of God's word there's only two ways you can respond: 1) You can let it affect you, govern you, move you 2) You can not let it affected you, govern you, move you
 - A. How was Jesus walking on the sea? He's doing it by faith
 1. *John 5:19-The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he sees the Father do; John 5:30-I can of my own self do nothing as I hear I judge; John 8:28-I do nothing of myself but as the father has taught me*
 2. He didn't just decide to walk on the water, but he heard words from God and believed those words and acted on them in faith, trusting that the ability and provision necessary to walk on the water would be there
 - B. Peter is walking by faith and not by sight and it's giving in a form of victory over the laws of this physical world
 1. Sight, sense and natural reason tells you this is not possible; This is beyond the laws of this physical world, what he sees, what he knows; There was nothing natural that made him believe he could do this (but the words of Jesus did)
 2. He's doing fine, he's in faith, but then he felt something, heard something, saw something
 - C. When you're in faith the enemy has to get you out of faith and walking by sight
 1. To do that he's got to get you to focus on something you can see and feel and so he'll bring it to your attention and magnify it in an attempt to get you governed by sight and not by faith
 - a. Strong wind you can see it, feel it, hear it (Boisterous-Strong, mighty; Saw-Feel, perceive by the senses)
 2. That wind is trying to move him off the word *come* and out of faith and when he sees it there's only 2 responses to it
 - a. The wind moved him out of faith when he was moved out of faith victory stopped
 - b. Jesus felt the wind, saw the wind, perceived it with his senses and it didn't move him because it didn't have anything to do with the words that the Father spoke to Him about walking on the water
 3. What did the wind have to do with this word, "come?"
 - a. What moved him had nothing to do with the words Jesus spoke to him
 - b. That word of Jesus is bigger than the wind; The words of Jesus created wind, stopped wind, caused wind
- II. The sight line divides the seen/unseen, the natural realm/the spirit realm, the realm of reason/the realm of faith
 - A. The enemy is desperate to pull you below the sight line where you're focused on and governed by what you see/feel
 1. When you walk by sight you are below the sight line governing your life by sight (living like a natural man)
 - a. *Jude 19-NABRE-They live on a natural plain*-He wants to pull you into the realm of sense and reason and out of the realm of faith and get you living on a natural plane because he knows that's the only way to defeat you
 - b. *Rm8:5-PH-The carnal attitude sees no further than natural things*-He wants you to believe based on what you see/feel
 2. He'll show you things, say things, magnify your feelings, appeal to your senses making every effort to get you below that line, moved by these things and walking by sight; He showed Peter the wind and it pulled him to seen, to the natural, to the realm of reason
 - B. In the realm of faith the Word reigns; In the realm of reason your sense and reason reign supreme
 1. When you're walking by faith in the realm of nothing matters more than the Word
 2. At the height of the walk of faith the Word of God gains ascendancy over everything you see and feel (and you just don't regard those things and pay attention to them; Stop exalting what you see and feel above the Word)
 3. Does what you see/feel really matter? In regards to your victory the only thing that matters is this Word and what you believe about it
- III. 1Jn5:4, 2Cor5:7-The thrust of Satan's attack is to get you out of faith and governed by what you see and feel

A. 1Sam17:23-The enemy can sense faith, he fears it; When he does sense it he immediately goes to trying to get rid of it

1. The greatest threat to Satan's operation in any area of life is people who live and walk by faith and therefore these kind of people are his greatest fear in all the Earth
2. 2 ways for him to respond; 23-25-Goliath came out; 33-Saul's battle expertise; 41-Goliath's size, strength, threats
3. David won't govern his life by what he sees, but he's governing his life by that covenant (By the mere fact that he calls Goliath uncircumcised it lets us know that David knows he has a covenant with God and Goliath does not and that David must know what that covenant says)
 - a. Dt28:7-Goliath was an "your enemies" so he qualified to be smitten before David's face
 - b. Exodus 23:22-God will be an enemy to your enemies, and an adversary unto your adversaries
 - c. Dt20:3-4, 21:10, 1Sam17:47-The Lord goes with you (I come in the name of the Lord), to fight for you (the battle is the Lord's), to save you (He will give you into our hands)
 - d. Number 10:9, Numbers 14-We already got stories about giants going down
4. What in the world does Goliath's size or strength have to do with this covenant? Nothing
 - a. He's moving by this covenant not by his feelings, not by what he sees; Walking by sight won't let you go down, being moved by what you feel would have caused him to stay home; He's doing this by the word and doing this by faith and the enemy can't move him

B. Mark 5:34-Jairus won't be moved; He's governing his life by these words, "She shall live."

1. 23-This is faith in Luke 4:16; If the enemy wants to win he has to move Jairus off of this, out of faith
2. 30-Satan tries to move him with all this time it's taking to get to his house b/c Jesus is ministered to the woman
3. 34-When Jairus heard *daughter* his faith was peaking; When your faith peaks the enemy will always try to move you
4. 35-The enemy tries to move him off of what he said in verse 23 with a bad report – Shows him something
5. 36-Jesus' response was simply DON'T BE MOVED, stay in faith
6. 38-The enemy tries to move him with crying relatives

C. Dan3-They won't govern their life by that they see, feel or understand but by Isaiah 43:2; Satan tries to move them off it

1. 13-They get brought in and the king is mad; 15-Threatened with the fiery furnace; 19-Heat it up 7 times more
 - a. None of that has anything to do with Isaiah 43:2 or changes it
2. 11-They don't have to be concerned about fire, they have an answer for fire and it's Isaiah 43:2

IV. Luke 8:49-50-Focus on the faith not the results

A. In an attempt to get you below the line the enemy will endeavor to get you to become too results oriented

1. The enemy wants to draw your attention to the natural, get you to focus on how it's not changing and the symptoms and the report and what you see and you need to get that off of your mind b/c you're in the realm of sight
2. Being upset because of what you don't see or feel is walking by sight and it's such a trick enemy

B. We get focused on the wrong thing (results, what's happening/not happening) we need to be focused on the faith

1. EX: Believing for direction for my message; I still didn't have it, but that didn't matter what mattered was the faith
2. You need to just believe God and cast all those thoughts aside and be unmoved about it and stay above the line

V. Matt3,4-Satan doesn't know what to do with a person who won't walk by sight and be moved by what they see/feel

A. The temptation is in regards to Jesus' faith and for him to need something more than the God's Word, to see/feel something to believe; Physical evidence to prove that what God said is true (Tempted-Try one's faith)

1. If thou be-The implication is that you might not be, but if you could turn these stones into bread that'd prove it; If you could jump off of this temple and the angels saved you then that'd prove it
 - a. 17-Satan comes immediately to steal this word-Mark 4:15

2. 4-Jesus response was, "I live by the Word" – He's living by the word not by physical stuff
 - a. He didn't need physical evidence to believe he was the son of God – Believing without seeing
 3. 6-You live by the Word, well here's a word; Jesus responded that God's word doesn't need to be tried it's perfect
 - a. He didn't physical evidence to prove the Word of God is true – Believing without seeing
 4. 10-He's trying to appeal to Jesus senses, to his flesh (Show-Expose to the eyes)
- B. Why did Satan leave? He doesn't know what to do; He's only got one move and that's to try to get you be moved by what you see and it's not working
1. Luke 4:1-For 40 days he tried to get Jesus to walk by sight and he got the same response every time
 2. When you don't need to see or feel to believe the enemy can't use what you see or feel against you
 - a. I don't need to see to be convinced, I don't need to feel to be confident – All I need is the word-2Cor5:6