

Stop And Start

How will you live your life? How will you walk through life? Will you be filled with fear and doubt? Will you be timid and afraid? Will you be strong and bold? Those are all good questions. I know one thing for sure. **What's that?** I would like to change how I have been walking through life. **How so?** I have been timidly walking through life. I have been filled with fear and doubt. I have been far from being strong and bold. **Why is that?** I have been trusting in myself and my abilities. I have been depending on what I can see and feel and touch. I have been relying on my experience. **That's not good. There is no wonder why you have been walking timidly through life. You will always come up short when you trust in yourself. You will always miss the mark when you rely on your experience. Your own gifts and talents and abilities will not carry you through life. What you can see and touch and feel is not a secure foundation for your faith.** I know that is true. There is no doubt in me about that.

You have said that you want to change the way that you have been walking through life. That is true. **What must you do differently if you want to walk boldly through life?** I must not rely on myself. I must not trust in my experience. I must not depend on my own gifts, talents and abilities. **That is what you must not do. I asked you what you must do? There is a big difference between those two questions.** Why is that? **You won't be able to stop doing what must not do unless you start doing what you must do.** I'm not sure that I understand. **You won't be able to stop trusting in yourself, unless you start trusting in me. You won't be able to stop relying on your own gifts, talents and abilities unless you start allowing me to work in and through your life. You won't be able to stop depending on what you can see and feel and touch unless you start listening to my voice and watch for my activity. You need to know in your heart and mind and soul that I am with you to help you. You are not on your own. You are not walking through life by yourself. I am with you to lead you. I am with you to guide you. I am with you to help you. I will be working in and through your life every step of your way. Will you keep your eyes on me? Will you listen to my voice? Will you watch for my activity? Will you join me in the work that I am doing? Yes Lord, I will. That will be very good.**

Lord, I will live each day of my life by faith in you rather than by what I can see in the world. Help me to keep my heart and mind and life focused on you. Guide all my thoughts, words and actions by all I have in you now and forever. Amen

Faith *Not By Sight*
We live by faith, not by sight.
NIV 2 Corinthians 5:7

Faith *Not By Sight*
for we walk by faith, not by sight.
ESV 2 Corinthians 5:7

Faith *Not By Seeing*
For we live by believing and not by seeing.
NLT 2 Corinthians 5:7

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For we walk by faith, not by sight.
NKJV 2 Corinthians 5:7

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NRSV 2 Corinthians 5:7

Faith *Don't Yet See*
It's what we trust in but don't yet see that keeps us going.
MSG 2 Corinthians 5:7

Faith *Not By Sight*
For we walk by faith [we regulate our lives and conduct ourselves by our conviction or belief respecting man's relationship to God and divine things, with trust and holy fervor; thus we walk] not by sight or appearance.
AMP 2 Corinthians 5:7

Faith *Not By Seeing*
We know these things are true by believing, not by seeing.
TLB 2 Corinthians 5:7

Faith *Not By Sight*
for we walk by faith, not by sight—
NASB 2 Corinthians 5:7

Faith *Not By What We Can See*
We live by what we believe, not by what we can see.
NCV 2 Corinthians 5:7

Not By Sight

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Faith – 2 Corinthians 5:7

In Context: *Read 2 Corinthians 5*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God’s Word: *(What is God speaking to your heart?)*

We live by faith, not by sight. 2 Corinthians 5:7

Considering The Words: *(What words speak to your heart?)*

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Praying The Scripture: *(What prayer from your heart will you write?)*

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What It Means: *(What questions speak to your heart?)* (Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)

How are your thoughts, words and actions guided by your faith in Jesus Christ?

How does knowing that you have a home forever in heaven keep what you see in this world in perspective?

What are you doing differently because you are living by faith in Jesus Christ rather than by what you can see?

How does your faith and hope in Jesus Christ give you confidence and courage in this life?

How are the trials of this life put into proper perspective by the future that the Lord has for you in heaven?

What sense of purpose and mission do you have in your present life because of your faith in Jesus Christ?

How are you torn between longing to be with the Lord in heaven versus wanting to serve Him in this life?

Living It Out: *(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)*

Live each day of your life by faith in Jesus Christ rather than by what you can see in the world.

Seeing It Happen: *(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)*

Have faith that you will not regret living your life by faith in Jesus Christ rather than by what you can see in the world.

Get Ready To Share: *(What can you share with others from your heart?)*

Share with another person or your small group how you are living each day of your life by faith in Jesus Christ.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you live your life by faith in Jesus Christ rather than by what you can see in the world.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will live my life by faith in you rather than by what I can see in the world.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I live my life by faith in you today rather than by what I see in the world?
