

KNEES, HEARTS & EYES #5

DARING FAITH

WHAT FAITH IS NOT!

1. Desire Is Not Faith
2. It's Not Pretending That Something Is True That Isn't True
3. Faith Is Not Psyching Yourself Up
4. Faith Is Not A Feeling
5. It's Not Bargaining With God

Thought: FAITH IS A WAY OF SEEING HOW GOD SEES THINGS

"What is faith? It is the confident assurance that what we hope for is going to happen and to be certain of things we do not yet see." Hebrews 11:1

Thought: TWO ASPECTS: EYES OF FEAR AND EYES OF FAITH

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE SEE WITH EYES OF FEAR?

1. WE EXAGGERATE OUR DIFFICULTIES

"It's a magnificent land BUT the people living there are powerful, and their cities are fortified and large! What's more, we saw Anakim giants there!" Numbers 13:27b-28

2. WE UNDERESTIMATE OUR OWN ABILITIES

"We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them." Numbers 13:33

3. WE GET DISCOURAGED

"Then all the people began weeping aloud, and they carried on all night!" Numbers 14:1

4. WE START TO GRIPE

"All the Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron ... 'We wish we had died in Egypt!' they wailed, 'Or even here in the wilderness!'" Numbers 14:2

5. WE EVENTUALLY WE GIVE UP AND BLAME GOD

*"Why is the Lord bringing us to this land to be killed with swords?
... We'd be better off going back to Egypt!"* Numbers 14:3

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE SEE WITH EYES OF FAITH?

1. FAITH SHRINKS MY PROBLEMS

"Is anything too hard for the Lord?" Genesis 18:14a
"For nothing is impossible with God!" Luke 1:37

2. FAITH OPENS THE DOOR FOR A MIRACLE

Jesus said, "Have faith in God! If you have faith in God and you don't doubt, you could tell this mountain to get up and jump into the sea, and it would. Whatever you ask for in prayer will be yours, IF you only have the faith." Mark 11:22-24

3. FAITH MOVES GOD TO ACT ON MY BEHALF

Jesus said, "According to your faith it will be done to you." Matthew 9:29

4. FAITH UNLOCKS ALL THE PROMISES OF GOD

"For no matter how many promises God has made, they are all 'yes' in Christ!" 2 Corinthians 1:20a

5. FAITH TURNS GOD GIVEN DREAMS INTO REALITY

"Glory be to God, who by his mighty power at work within us, is able to do FAR MORE than we would ever DARE TO ASK or even DREAM of-ininitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes!" Ephesians 3:20

6. FAITH GIVES ME THE POWER TO HOLD ON IN THE TOUGH TIMES

"We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we're. Not crushed and broken. We're perplexed, but we don't give up and quit. We're attacked but God never abandons us. We get knocked down, But we get up and keep going!" 2 Corinthians 4:8-9