



WALKING BY FAITH IN 2022

II CORINTHIANS 5:7

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## JANUARY MEDITATION

“For we walk by faith, not by sight.” II Corinthians 5:7 (ESV)

When Paul wrote the words “walk by faith, not by sight,” he was not referring to believing the unbelievable. He was reminding the Corinthians to live their whole lives based on trust in God’s promises for the future – even when the fullness of that future is unseeable.

We could just stop here and focus on trusting God in the absence of tangible evidence. However, it might be good for us to take note of something else in this very short verse. Paul says, “we walk by faith, not by sight.” In other words, even while we faithfully wait for direction, we are moving. You may have heard Christians say, “I’m just waiting on God to show me what to do.” Hopefully, that statement is followed up with, “And this is what I’m doing while I’m waiting.”

**TRUE STORY:** A woman felt called to establish a Christian wellness center. She described in vivid detail the setting, facilities, programs, methods, and impact on people who needed healing. When asked how long she had this vision, she said, “Oh, about 25 years now. I’m just waiting for God to give me the green light.”

Hers was an audacious vision. In fact – it was so scary, it kept her from doing anything at all. Sadly, she failed to recognize that the ministry to which she felt called could be

accomplished in incremental steps and on a smaller scale. So, she did nothing except talk about it. How many people who needed a healing place continued to suffer in silence because of her inertia?

Before we get all judgmental about this woman, let's admit that we have all responded similarly in our own circumstances. How would you complete these sentences?

"I've always wanted to \_\_\_\_\_."

"I think the church should \_\_\_\_\_."

"I wish the church would \_\_\_\_\_."

Statements like these reveal your passions, which often lead to powerful ministries.

- What ministry has God placed on your heart? (for your personal ministry or for the church)
- What is holding you back from acting on that call? (i.e. funding, facilities, training, fear, etc.)
- What steps could you take today that would help you discern if this is God's or your idea?

Every time you leave this building, you see a sign that says, "You are now entering the mission field." As you "walk by faith" this month, let the Holy Spirit nudge you into personal ministry like you have never allowed Him to do before. Then be prepared to bear witness to His power in the lives of others, and thank Him for using you in such a profound and life-changing way.