

## Start Looking Beyond

A Lord's Flock General Assembly Topic

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Today, we might hear a lot of threatening situations over the media about the current pandemic and other catastrophes happening around us. We must not pay attention to them but instead keep our eyes on Jesus alone, for He is the author and finisher of our faith (Heb. 12:2). Let us choose faith over fear and start looking beyond what the physical eyes can see as we fix our eyes on Jesus, just like Peter did when he walked on water (Mt. 14:22-33).

### 1. What we see determines what we become.

- 1.1. We must be careful with what we look at. We must take our eyes off our circumstances, envision our dreams, and become what we see.
- 1.2. "Avert my eyes from what is worthless; by your way give me life" (Psalm 119:37).

### 2. 8 Steps to take if you want God to raise you to a higher level beyond what you can see

#### 2.1 Start looking beyond.

- We must start looking beyond what we are now to where we want to be.

#### 2.2 Don't limit God.

- God wants us to remove our limitations of Him and believe that He can make the impossible happen in every aspect of our lives.

#### 2.3 See yourself as God sees you.

- How we see ourselves & feel about ourselves will have a tremendous impact on how we fulfill our destinies.
- Let us hold on to His promises (Jer. 29:11).
- Fear often makes us wait for more confirmation; visible signs are unnecessary if they only confirm what we already know is true.

#### 2.4 Envision your dreams.

- "...Whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours" (Mk 11:24).
- "Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known" (Jer 33:3)

### 2.5 Declare God's favor.

- When we declare God's power in our everyday lives and go out with confidence (Rom. 10:10), believing in His words, and we will see that God's favor will turn around our difficult situations to our benefit (Mk 11:23).

### 2.6 Eyes of faith.

- "As we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen; for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal" (2 Cor. 4:18).
- The bible is filled with stories of faith: God's promise to Abraham that he will be father of many nations (Gen. 15:5); the Canaanite woman (Mt. 15:28); the Centurion's faith (Mt. 8:10); the boy with unclean spirit (Mk. 9:23); and the prophet Elisha's faith (2 Kings 6:17).

### 2.7 Take a Step of Faith.

- Walk by faith not by sight, just like the four lepers in 2 Kings 7:6-7.
- When others think consider us foolish for stepping out of our faith, we must turn our backs on their unbelief.

### 2.8 Transform your thinking.

- "...I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live" (Dt. 30:19).
- "Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind" (Rom. 12:2).

When you face a tremendous challenge that is beyond your capabilities, or when you are faced with a need that cannot be met by human means; how do you react? Are you immobilized by fear that causes you to keep your eyes on your problems, or do you see beyond these problems?

We fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.

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