



WALKING BY FAITH, NOT BY SIGHT

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Text: *II Corinthians 5:7, Matthew 9:27-31*



Introduction: Paul tells us that we should “walk by faith, not by sight” (*II Corinthians 5:7*). What does that mean? There is a story in *Matthew 9* about two extraordinary men that had exemplary faith in Jesus. These men were blind but they still saw Jesus! Christians should consider seeing the world and their Savior through the eyes of these two blind men. We need to learn to walk by faith and let our faith provide the vision we need to see the Savior! What did they see? What did their faith lead them to do? Let’s study together. . . .

Discussion:

- I. *The Blind Men Saw A Difficult Mission (v.27)*
They accepted the challenge before them.
Walking by faith means that we disregard the critics and the pain.
- II. *The Blind Men Saw The Need For Unity (v.27)*
They worked together to accomplish a great task.
Walking by faith means that we seek peace and love.
- III. *The Blind Men Saw The Incredible Risk (v.27)*
They were willing to have courage.
Walking by faith means that we have extraordinary persistence and patience.
- IV. *The Blind Men Saw The Lord’s Mercy (v.28)*
They followed Jesus because they knew He could help them.
Walking by faith means that we are dedicated and dependent.
- V. *The Blind Men Saw The Healing Power of Jesus (vs.29-30)*
They had an incredible faith that helped them to be healed.
Walking by faith means that we believe the Lord and we trust Him to deliver us.
- VI. *The Blind Men Saw The Need To Spread The Good News (vs.30-31)*
They were compelled to preach, teach, and share their story.
Walking by faith means that we share our light and love with others.

Conclusion: Are you walking by sight? Or are you walking by faith? Are you blind to the Savior that stands before you? Can you see that He loves you and wants to heal you? All you need is a little faith! God is looking for us to lead, follow, or get out of the way!

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