**Second Dimension – Christianity Experienced**

**Segment III – *“Strengthening Your Core”* Progressive Bible Concepts - #26 “The Eyes of Faith”**

**Discussion**

* If you were required to give up one of your senses, which would it be?
  + Sight – smell – taste – touch - hearing

**Segment III – Strengthening Your Core (Concepts 25-33)**

* Concept 25 – “Living By Faith”
* **Concept 26 – “The Eyes of Faith”**
* Concept 27 – “Little Faith”
* Concept 28 – “Increasing Our Faith”
* Concept 29 – “Proactive Faith”
* Concept 30 – “Responsible Faith”
* Concept 31 – “Faith That Works”
* Concept 32 – “Enduring Faith”

**Key Verse**

* **Habakkuk 2:4**
  + *“Behold, as for the proud (puffed up) one, His soul is not right within him; but the r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ shall l\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by his f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”*
* **Romans 1:17**
  + *“…as it is written, but the r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ shall l\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”*
* **Galatians 3:11**
  + *“Now that no man is justified by the law before God is evident: for, “The r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ man shall l\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”*
* **Hebrews 10:38**
  + *“But my r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ one shall l\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: And if he shrinks back, my soul hath no pleasure in him.”*

**Last week’s summary:**

* There are two vantage points in life:
  + S\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ –centered - looking d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with prideful superiority, full of oneself, in a self-justifying manner that follows a lethal pathway.
  + G\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-centered - looking u\_\_\_ from a position of subordination, fixed on God, living out a faith righteousness that follows a life-giving pathway.
  + It is faith that s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us, s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us, s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us, and also e\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us. We must not s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ b\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ into ourselves through doubt, fear, anxiety, anger, or unbelief but press forward in faith until we reach our heavenly destination.
  + Faith is the core of our connection with God, and the aim of this next segment of study is to s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ o\_\_ f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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* D\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Faith *-* “*Faith is the a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of things hoped for, the c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of things not seen*.” Heb 11:1
* Paraphrased – faith is a firm p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of what is and a confident a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of what is to come.
* The ability to p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the invisible and to e\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the unrealized.
* As the old saying goes, *“Seeing is believing, right?”*
* Read John 20:24-29 – *“Because you have seen me, have you believed? Blessed are they who do n\_\_\_\_ see, and yet believed.”*
* As the old saying goes, “S\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is b\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, right?”
* Read John 20:24-29 – *“Because you have s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ me, have you believed? Blessed are they who do n\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ see, and yet believed.”*
* *“…and though you have not s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Him, you l\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Him, and though you d\_\_ not see Him n\_\_\_\_\_, but b\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory.”* I Peter 1:8
* *”…for we walk by faith, n\_\_\_\_\_ by sight…”* II Cor 5:7
* *“By faith, he left Egypt…seeing Him who is u\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”*Heb 11: 27
* Know – to view or consider to be r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Knowledge is at the h\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of faith.
* Knowledge e\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ into faith when we move from the seen realm to the unseen.
* Knowledge applies to the p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ world - what is seen or tangible.
* Faith applies to the s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ world - what is unseen or intangible.
* Faith is to the heart is what the eyes are to the body – the a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to s\_\_\_\_\_!
* Faith is your s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ v\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!



* *A\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ t\_\_\_ F\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - “Without faith, it is impossible to please God; for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.”* Heb 11:6
* Without – e\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or apart from, separate and alone
* Faith – belief in God
* Impossible - *adunatos* – p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to do something, can’t happen
* Please – aor act inf – comp. word, emphasizing *“w\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ pleasing”*
* Comes – pres mid part - approach, move toward, s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ o\_\_\_\_\_
* Must – *dei* - it is necessary – b\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/logical necessity
* Believe – have faith
* He is – that God exists
* Rewarder – one who pays back, a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ b\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Seek – pres act part – denotes one seeking until he f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or until he e\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his power of seeking
* Spiritual power-o\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – total shutdown, powerlessness - the absence of faith causes a spiritual b\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Faith empowers a person to seek God believing that He is the God who is there and that if we seek him for help, we will be rewarded, not d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* To those who seek Him, God becomes a r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Faith enables a person to seek God c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and to wait for reward e\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

***“But the righteous shall l\_\_\_\_\_ by his faith.”***

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* *“But if any man l\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ wisdom, let him ask of God who gives to all men g\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and without r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and it will be given him. But let him ask in faith without any d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, for the one who doubts is like the s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the s\_\_\_\_\_ driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man expect to receive a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from the Lord, being a d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-minded man, u\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in all of his ways.”* James 1:5-8

*“But the righteous shall l\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by h\_\_\_\_\_ f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”*

**Thoughts on Faith**

* Saved through faith
  + *“For by grace have you been s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;…”* Eph 2:8
* Live By Faith
  + *“…but the r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ shall live by his faith.”* Hab 2:4
  + *“…for we walk by f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, not by s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_…”* II Cor 5:7

Faith - the eyes of your soul!

**Discussion Points**

* Define faith in your own words – compile your own working definition.
* Identify a specific challenge/need/issue in your life which you can by faith put into God’s hands to work out.

**Summary**

* Concept 26:
  + *“Faith is the capacity to see the God who is there and to envision Him as a rewarder of those who seek Him expectantly.”*

**Next Week – Concept 27**

* Little Faith