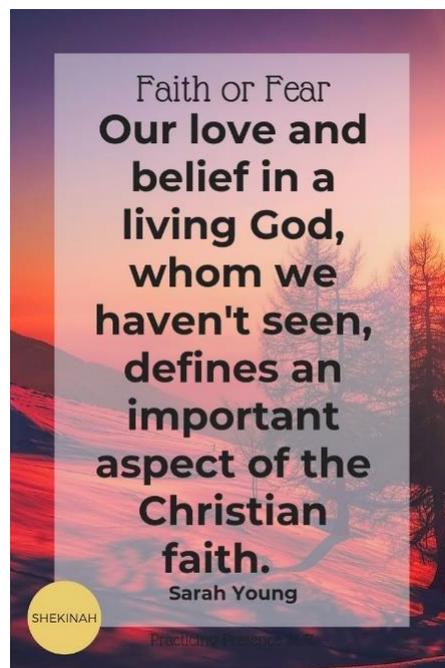


Faith and Sight

2 Cor.5:7 is the conclusion of a longer sentence starting in verse 6. Taken together it says, "Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord-for we walk by faith, and not by sight..." But Paul is not done. This is not the end of the sentence. It continues, "...we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord." The reality is we are "at home in the body" (sight) and "we are absent from the Lord" (faith). The desire we have is the opposite. We would rather be "absent from the body" (sight) and "at home with the Lord" (faith). Let's unpack this: While in my earthly existence, I experience things primarily through the five senses and process things in my brain in order to "walk" or live. However, I know this is not the ultimate reality of my existence. I was designed to be with the Lord and to walk by faith. One day faith will become sight--or does the Bible say that? It is a line in the song "It is Well with My Soul." The writer longs for the day when faith shall become sight. I think we should be longing for something else, i.e. **that sight will become faith now**. My problem is that I walk too much by sight, tied to my earthly life, when I should be walking in the Spirit who takes me into the unseen world. "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, and the conviction of things not seen." (Heb.11:1 NASB) My challenge is not to get so fixated on what I see that I miss what I believe. Seeing is not always believing, but believing the right things is always seeing. Faith is learning to see what God sees. When this happens, this becomes the reality in which I walk.



Reflection and Discussion



What have you understood “we walk by faith and not by sight” to mean?

Would you rather be here in the body or there in the presence of the Lord?

How do we transition from walking by sight to walking by faith?

Does it sound right that sight should become faith?

Why does Heb.11:1 say that faith is about the unseen?

Can faith become more real than sight?

Memory Verse: 2 Corinthians 5:7
“...for we walk by faith and not by sight...”