

DEVOTIONAL SERIES
WE HAVE FAITH
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The famous quote from David Gerrold is one that people use frequently, especially when walking through uncertain seasons in life – “Life is hard. Then you die.” It is during difficult moments that we feel lost, discouraged, disappointed, and hopeless. It is precisely in those difficult moments that we need a reminder of how to deal with the difficulty we are experiencing.

It is through living by faith, and not by sight. But not just simply faith that things will get better, or faith in our own ability to overcome difficulties; that would be faith in our own faith. Rather, it is faith in Jesus Christ – an assurance of what we have hope for – and we do this by “*Fixing our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal*” (2 Corinthians 4:18).

Faith requires us to fix our eyes on the unseen Creator by contemplating His visible and perfect creation. We fix our eyes on the unseen Saviour by accepting His redeeming grace and experiencing visible transformation. We fix our eyes on the unseen Holy Spirit by acknowledging and celebrating the visible work He does in the world. We exercise our faith when we know who He is and who we are in Him.

There is a passage in John 6 that brings light to this. Beginning in verse 16, we read that the disciples were hopeless in the middle of a rough storm. In this very difficult moment, suddenly Jesus appears, walking on the water. They were terrified as they didn’t know it was Jesus, but He says to them, “*It is I; don’t be afraid.*” The original Greek translation for “It is I” is *ego eimi* (ἐγώ εἰμι) which is equivalent to “I Am – Yahweh” which is how God was revealed to His people in the Old Testament. The One who was, and is, and is to come!

In the song *We Have Faith*, the second verse reminds us that Jesus can stop the storm, just as He did in John 6:20-21. As soon as the Great I Am stepped into the boat, they realized who He was and who they were in Him. The storm was calmed and they immediately reached the shore. No matter how rough the storms of our lives may get, or how difficult life becomes, we are safer in the storm with Christ than anywhere else without Him. Be encouraged to put your hope and trust in the One who lays the path before us. We can be confident in this reminder as we sing the chorus of this song:

*We have faith, an assurance of what we have hope for,
We have faith, You can lead us all into the light.
We have faith, a conviction that You’ll bring us closer,
And by faith, we can walk, yes, we walk not by sight, but by faith.*