

# God's Ways: Sight vs. Faith

(1 John 2:15-17 / Hebrews 11:1-6)

**Opening Discussion:** What is something you wouldn't have believed had you not seen it with your own eyes? Why is it so difficult to believe in what we cannot see?

**Transformational Principle - Look past what is \_\_\_\_\_ and believe what is \_\_\_\_\_.**

1. **Main Point #1 - God's ways must be \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.**  
(1 John 2: \_\_\_ / Hebrews 11: \_\_\_ - \_\_\_)

*For further discussion: How does the author of Hebrews define faith? What do you think of this definition? How would you compare your own faith with this definition? What are some biblical concepts that you must take on faith? (See John 20:24-29: What does the story of Thomas reveal about the importance of faith? Do you think it's wrong to have doubts? Why don't you think God gives everyone the same type of evidence Thomas got? What are some things that you need to walk by faith?)*

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2. **Main Point #2 - If our aim is to \_\_\_\_\_ God, faith is \_\_\_\_\_.**  
(1 John 2: \_\_\_ / Hebrews 11: \_\_\_ - \_\_\_)

*For further discussion: What do you think of the stories of Abel and Enoch? Read the rest of the chapter. What stories of faith stick out to you? How can these stories give you encouragement to live by faith? (See Romans 4:1-8: What does Paul add to our understanding of living by faith? How can the story of Abraham be an example to us as we seek to please God by faith? How do you think God increases our faith? Have you seen your faith grow in the last year? In what areas would you like God to grow your faith?)*

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**Response: Do you \_\_\_\_\_ that what God has for you is better than what you see in the \_\_\_\_\_?**

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## Transformational Principles

Week 1: Because we are prone to conform, we must let God transform. (Romans 12:1-2)

Week 2: Because of all Jesus has done, surrender what you think you know. (Mark 8:34-37)

Week 3: If we really want to know what to do, abandon the world's ways for God's ways. (Isaiah 55:6-11)

Week 4: Accept that the world's ways are at odds with the ways of God. (1 Corinthians 1:18-30)

Week 5: If you want to be transformed, you must learn to deal with your sinful nature. (Romans 8:1-11)