



I. INTRO/REVIEW

A. Fruit Loops

John 15:8 (NKJV) By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

B. Bible faith

Hebrews 11:1 (NKJV) Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

- Characteristics of faith
 - Faith has a source – Romans 10:17
 - Faith has a father – Abraham (taught us that)
 - There's a risk to faith
 - Everyone starts with baby faith

C. Here's why we're looking at faith

Hebrews 11:2-3a (NKJV) For by it the elders obtained a *good* testimony. By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God ...

- What kind of testimony do you currently have?
- What kind of testimony do you want?

Hebrews 11:39 (NKJV) And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise,

Hebrews 11:13 (NKJV) These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced *them* and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

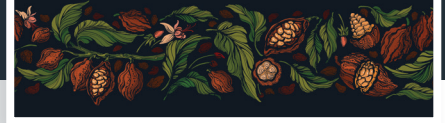
II. YOU HAVE TO SEE IT BEFORE YOU SEE IT

A. Faith, expressed through words, framed the world that God created

Hebrews 11:3 (NKJV) By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

B. When faith becomes sight

- **Sight is what I see when my eyes are open; hope, vision or imagination is what I see with my eyes closed**



2 Corinthians 10:4-5 (KJV) (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

- C. Become like a child
 - Children have a vivid imagination

1 Corinthians 2:9-12 (NKJV) But as it is written: “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.” But God has revealed *them* to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

III. WHAT FRAMES YOUR WORLD?

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- A. The frame
 - We should not only pay attention to what we’re looking AT but what we’re looking THROUGH
- B. Focus
- C. What’s framing your world?

Colossians 2:8-10 (NKJV) Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

- D. Faith frames your world

Colossians 3:9-11 (NKJV) Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

Ephesians 2:10 (NLT) For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.