

Week 3: The Power of Walking by Faith and Not by Sight
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Faith with a Clear Vision

- Mark 8:23–25 — As Jesus healed the blind man, his vision became clearer step by step.
- As we stretch our faith in God, things also become clearer.
- 1 Corinthians 13:12 — For now we see through a glass dimly, but one day we will see clearly.

People of Faith in Scripture

- Hebrews 11 — Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses' parents, Moses, the Israelites, Rahab.
- Their lives remind us that faith looks beyond the present and trusts God's promises.

People of Faith in History

- God has raised up men and women of faith at various points throughout history.
- Their examples challenge us to stand firm, no matter the cultural or personal obstacles.
- 2 Corinthians 5:7 — We walk by faith, not by sight.

Modern Application

Walking by faith means:

- Trusting God when things don't seem clear.
- Believing even when you cannot see the outcome.
- Choosing bold obedience even when it does not make sense in the natural.

Things to Think About

- What is one situation in your life right now that feels unclear? How can you practice faith in it?
- Which example from Hebrews 11 speaks most to you, and why?
- How do stories of modern believers encourage you to live boldly by faith?
- Where might God be calling you to obey, even when it doesn't make sense?

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***“Walking in
the Spirit”***

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The Power of Walking by Faith and Not by Sight



Faith with a Clear Vision



Are the eyes the window to the soul?

And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw ought.

And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking.

After that he put his hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up: and he was restored, and saw every man clearly. Mark 8:23-25



As you stretch your faith in God,
things become clearer.

Because the blind man stretched his
faith, he received his full miracle.

Our belief in God should not be
dependant just on what we can see
or hear, but trusting in him.

This man stretched his faith and he
received his sight.

We must walk in the belief in who
God is for our miracle.

There is a spiritual realm you might
not see with your natural eyes:
angels, demons, spirits. There is a
realm beyond this natural realm.

For now we see
through a glass,
darkly; but then
face to face: now I
know in part; but
then shall I know
even as also I am
known.

1 Corinthians 13:12

In ancient time “glass” referred to
a polished metal mirror which
reflected a dim and blurry image.



You may have to stretch your faith before you see the miracle. It's on its way!

You may have to stretch your faith before that thing comes to pass. I am still believing.

You haven't got the Holy Ghost yet, but you're still believing. I haven't given up yet.

One Preacher said, "Faith is the currency of the kingdom!"

I can see it with my spiritual eye; not my natural eye.

As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe. Mark 5:36

Faith takes us into a different dimension-believing for what we cannot yet see.

Our God is a God of action. In John 1:1 we read: *“In the beginning was the Word.”* In Spanish, it reads: *“En el principio era el Verbo, y el Verbo era con Dios, y el Verbo era Dios.”*

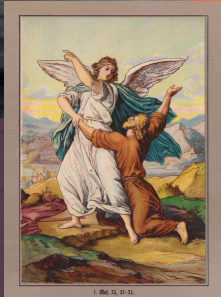
The word “Verbo” indicates action, movement, living expression.

Faith isn't passive; it's active. We are called to live it out in how we think, how we respond, and how we move forward. Paul says in 2 Corinthians 5:7, *“For we walk by faith, not by sight.”*

Walking implies movement: progress, direction, forward motion. Faith is a verb.

Throughout Scripture, we see men and women who stretched their faith, stepping out, trusting God beyond what their eyes could see. Their lives remind us that faith isn't just belief in the heart, but it's action in our steps.

People of Faith in Scripture



Hebrews 11: The Faith Chapter

- Abel
- Enoch
- Noah
- Abraham
- Sarah
- Isaac
- Jacob
- Moses' parents
- Moses
- The Israelites
- Rahab



People of Faith in History

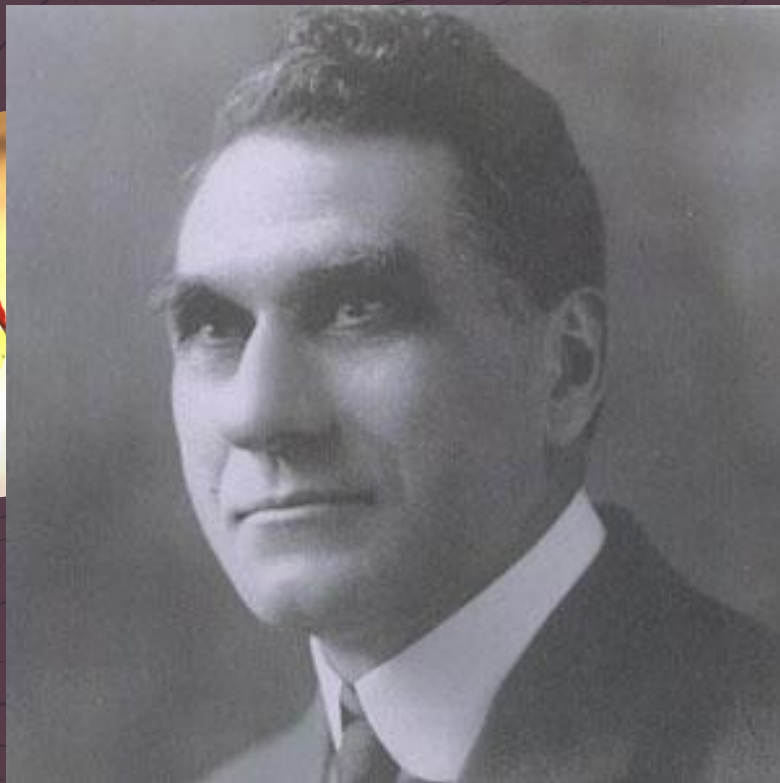


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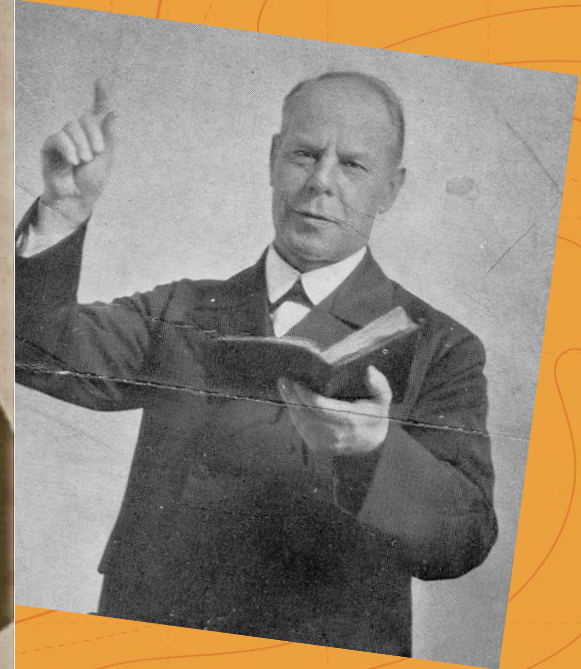
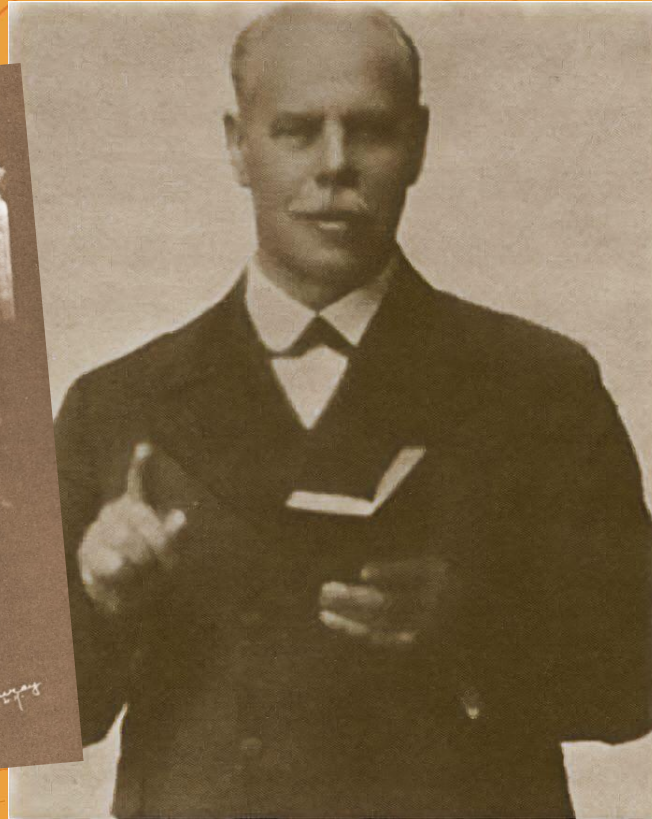
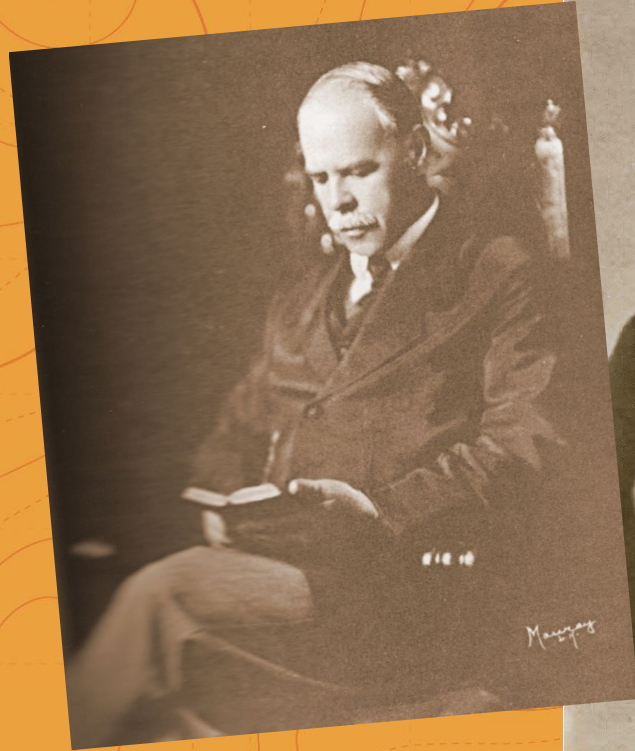


John G. Lake

1870-1935



Smith Wigglesworth 1859-1947



Billy Cole

1934-2009



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2 Timothy 1:7
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Human intellect and reasoning can only take you so far. Things won't always make sense to the natural man, but trust in God anyhow!

