



Five-Day Devotional 35
Faith When You Cannot See It
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From the Pastor's Desk
Desk Devotional Inspiration
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Introduction: There are seasons in life when the path ahead seems dry, uncertain, and impossible. We pray, we obey, and we wait—but sometimes nothing around us appears to indicate that an answer is coming. There is no visible evidence, no obvious change, and no sign that circumstances are about to turn in our favor. It is in those moments that faith is tested most deeply.

In 2 Kings 3:16–18, three kings faced a desperate situation: their armies were in a dry land with no water. Yet God gave them an unusual instruction through the prophet Elisha: **“Make this valley full of ditches.”** What makes the command remarkable is that God told them to prepare for water when there was no visible indication that water was coming. There was no wind. There was no rain. There was no natural sign pointing toward the answer.

They had to act on what God said before they could see what God would do. This passage gives us a powerful picture of biblical faith. Faith does not require us to deny our circumstances, but it teaches us not to make our circumstances the final authority. We may not see the answer, understand the process, or recognize the method God will use. Yet when God has spoken, we can obey, prepare, and trust Him.

The ditches became a picture of expectation. The people could not create the water, but they could prepare a place to receive it. Their responsibility was obedience; God's responsibility was provision.

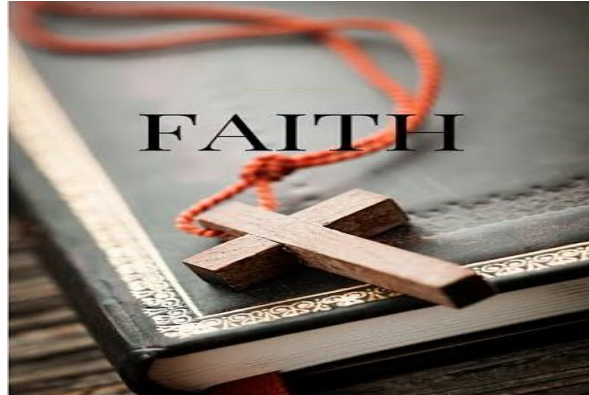
That same principle speaks to us today. There may be valleys in your life where you see no evidence of change. You may be waiting for provision, direction, restoration, growth, or breakthrough. You may be tempted to conclude that because you cannot see God working, He must not be working at all. But **the absence of visible evidence is not evidence of God's absence.**

Over these five days, we will consider what it means to believe God when we cannot see the answer. We will learn to trust His Word above our circumstances, walk by faith rather than sight, prepare for what He has promised, and leave the supernatural provision in His hands.

Blessings,

Pastor Fryar

Note to reader: This five-day devotional is designed to encourage and reaffirm that when you pray, you are deepening your walk with God. This is highlighted through use of scripture references from the New King James Version unless otherwise indicated.



Day 1 — Faith Begins With What God Says

Scripture: 2 Kings 3:16–18; Hebrews 11:1; Romans 10:17: “So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” (Rom. 10:17).

Israel, Judah, and Edom were facing a desperate situation: **there was no water**. Yet through Elisha, God gave an unexpected command: “Make this valley full of ditches.”

Notice the order: **God spoke before the evidence appeared**. The people were required to prepare for something they could not yet see.

Faith does not begin with what circumstances say; faith begins with what **God says**. We may not see the answer, but God’s Word gives us reason to prepare, believe, and obey.

Application: There will be seasons when things may look dry, resources appear insufficient, and the future is uncertain. Do not allow the present appearance of things to become greater than God’s Word.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, teach me to respond to Your Word before I see the evidence. When circumstances appear dry or impossible, help me trust what You have spoken. Give me faith to dig the ditches of obedience in expectation of Your provision.



Day 2 — Do Not Let Your Senses Become Your Master

Scripture: 2 Kings 3:17; 2 Corinthians 5:7; Hebrews 11:27: “For we live by believing and not by seeing.” (2 Cor. 5:7 NLT)

God told them something remarkable: “You shall not see wind, neither shall you see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water.” (2 Kings 3:17).

They were specifically told that they **would not see** the normal signs they might expect to accompany rain.

There would be **no wind. No rain. No visible indication that water was coming.** Yet God said the valley would be filled.

This teaches us that **God is not limited to the processes we expect Him to use.** We should not make the absence of visible evidence the evidence of God’s absence.

Faith does not deny what our senses report; it refuses to make our senses the final authority when God has spoken.

Application: You may not see somethings mature rapidly, resources at a desired level or the evidence of coming change. That does not mean God is absent or inactive. Keep walking by faith rather than by sight.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, keep me from allowing what I see, hear, or feel to determine what I believe about You. Help me trust Your Word even when there are no visible signs of Your answer. Let faith interpret my circumstances through Your promises rather than allowing circumstances to reinterpret Your promises.



Day 3 — Prepare for What You Cannot Yet See

Scripture: 2 Kings 3:16; Hebrews 11:8; James 2:17: “So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.” (Jas. 2:17 RSV).

God commanded, “**Make this valley full of ditches.**” (2 Kings 3:16).

The ditches were an act of faith. They were preparing a place for water before there was any water to see. Faith is not merely believing that God can do something. Biblical faith responds to God’s Word with obedient action.

They could not manufacture the water, but they **could dig the ditches.**

That distinction is important. **Our responsibility is obedience; God’s responsibility is provision.**

Application: When God gives direction, do what He has given you to do even when the outcome is not visible. Prepare the structure, cultivate your life by obedience, pray, serve, teach, give to God’s work, encourage, and keep working faithfully.

Do not confuse **lack of visible results** with permission to stop obeying.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, show me the “ditches” You are asking me to dig. Give me the courage to prepare for what I cannot yet see. Help me do my part faithfully while trusting You to do what only You can do.



Day 4 — God Can Provide Without the Expected Signs

Scripture: 2 Kings 3:17–18; Psalm 46:1; Philippians 4:19: God said: “You shall not see wind, neither shall you see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water.” (2 Kings 3:17 NIV).

The provision would come **without the expected signs**.

This is one of the most encouraging truths in the passage. God did not need to provide water according to the method they expected. His provision could arrive in a way that exceeded their ability to predict.

Elisha even described this as a **“light thing”** in the sight of the Lord.

What looked impossible to them was not difficult for God.

Application: Never limit God’s ability to your preferred method of provision. He may provide through people you did not expect resources, you did not anticipate, opportunities you could not have planned, or circumstances you never saw coming.

The absence of expected signs does not place God under restriction.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, enlarge my understanding of Your ability to provide. Forgive me when I limit You to the methods I understand. Help me recognize that what is impossible to me is not difficult for You. Give me confidence in Your wisdom, timing, and provision.



Day 5 — Believe God for the Miracle, and Be Ready to Receive It

Scripture: 2 Kings 3:18–20; Ephesians 3:20; Philippians 4:19: “And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” (Phil. 4:19 NKJ).

The Lord told them that the valley would be filled with water—and the next morning, **water came from the direction of Edom and filled the land.**

They had no wind to watch for.

They had no rain to hear.

They had no visible storm to predict the answer.

Yet God caused the water to come.

This is the heart of the devotional: **do not allow your senses to govern your faith.** Difficult situations will arise in life, but difficulty does not mean God has stopped working.

The miracle included their participation. God gave the promise, they dug the ditches, and God supplied the water.

Faith therefore says: **“I will obey what God has said, prepare for what He has promised, and trust Him for what only He can provide.”**

There may be no wind.

There may be no rain.

There may be no sound.

But God can still fill the valley.

Application: Do not abandon the assignment because you cannot yet see the evidence. Keep digging. Keep praying. Keep serving. Keep believing. Your responsibility is faithfulness; God’s ability is supernatural provision.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, when life becomes difficult and I cannot see evidence of change, help me remain faithful. Keep me from allowing my senses to dictate my expectations. Give me grace to obey, courage to prepare, patience to wait, and faith to believe that You can fill the valley even when there is no wind, no rain, and no sound. I trust You to work in ways I cannot see. .

A Five-Day Devotional from 2 Kings 3:16–18

Five-Day Faith Declaration:

- **I will not allow what I cannot see to make me doubt what God has said.**
- **I will dig my ditches of obedience.**
- **I will prepare for God's provision.**
- **I will not require visible signs before I trust Him.**
- **And I will believe that God can fill the valley—even when there is no wind, no rain, and no sound.**