

## Seeing the Invisible by Faith

**Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 NIV  
Hebrews 11:27 NIV  
Colossians 4:17

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**Hebrews 11:27 NIV** By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger, he persevered because he saw him who is invisible.

**Colossians 4:17 NIV** Tell Archippus: "See to it that you complete the work you received from the Lord

### Introduction

Moses was raised in Pharaoh's palace. In his early life he was "mighty in word and deed (Acts 7:22). It was easy for him to view himself as a national leader. But after forty years as a simple shepherd, he could no longer see those leadership qualities in himself. They no longer lived in his heart. It took seeing the Invisible One to rekindle in him the willingness to fulfill his destiny.

### I. When circumstances dim our faith vision

**2 Corinthians 2:11 (NKJV)** lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.

**2 Corinthians 4:1 (NKJV)** Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart. 16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.

- A. Having your vision ripped away by conditions outside your control
- B. Placed in circumstances alien to your plan
- C. Enduring weeks, months, even years of discouragement and disillusionment
- D. Losing hope in your vision / His promise

### II. Allowing God to restore our faith vision by showing us the Invisible One

**Exodus 3:5-6 (NKJV)** Then He said, "Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground." 6 Moreover He said, "I am the God of your father; the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God.

**1 Samuel 3:1, 7 (NKJV)** Then the boy Samuel ministered to the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no widespread revelation. 7 (Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, nor was the word of the LORD yet revealed to him.)

- A. Samuel had not yet seen his vision
- B. Moses vision had died
- C. To both God revealed his purpose

### III. Fulfilling our destiny by seeing the Invisible One

**Exodus 3:10 (NKJV)** "Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."

**Philippians 3:7-8 (NKJV)** But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. 8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ

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- A. Receiving a renewed vision
- B. Accepting a purpose beyond what you can now conceive
- C. Acting upon the word of the Lord

### Conclusion

1. Has God removed all or part of His promise because of personal sin?
2. Can God remain faithful to His written word and fulfill His promise
3. Are you willing to step into His promise?