

“Beyond a Reasonable Doubt”

1. “We live by faith, not by sight,” Scripture declares in 2 Corinthians 5:7. Does this support Benjamin Franklin’s statement, “To see with faith is to shut the Eye of Reason”? Explain your answer.

Read the surrounding verses, 2 Corinthians 4:16 — 5:10. Is the believer’s hope of resurrection reasonable, or is it more a “leap of faith”? Why?

2. “By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched around them for seven days” (Hebrews 11:30). Do you think this story would have offered a better example of faith if the victory had depended *entirely* on the actions of God and *not at all* on the actions of Israel?

Share a specific story from your life when your obedience increased your faith. If you are comfortable doing so, share a story when your faith was weakened through your failure to obey.

3. What memorials remind us of our country’s past? Which of those, if any, explicitly credit God for the event commemorated? What memorials remind you of your family’s history and relationships? What memorials remind us of our faith history?

Recurring Questions

- » How have you seen God working in your life or the lives of those around you this week?
- » What prayer requests would you like to share with the group, including prayer for any spiritual struggles you may be experiencing?