

Funneled Feelings, Focused Faith

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What we see affects what we feel.

*"So they brought to the people of Israel a bad report of the land that they had spied out, saying, 'The land, through which we have gone to spy it out, is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people that we **saw** in it are of great height. And there we **saw** the Nephilim, and we **seemed** to ourselves like grasshoppers, and so we **seemed** to them.'" (Numbers 13:32-33 ESV)*

Feelings can be unreliable.

"The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?" (Jeremiah 17:9 NIV)

"A man without self-control is like a city broken into and left without walls." (Proverbs 25:28 ESV)

Faith focuses beyond the facts and onto our Father. (Control our feelings)

*"And Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes ⁷and said to all the congregation of the people of Israel, 'The land, which we passed through to spy it out, is an **exceedingly good land**. ⁸If the Lord delights in us, he will bring us into this land and give it to us, a land that flows with milk and honey. ⁹Only **do not rebel against the Lord**. And do not fear the people of the land, for they are bread for us. Their protection is removed from them, and **the Lord is with us; do not fear them**.'" (Numbers 14:6-9 ESV)*

"Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God." (Psalm 43:5 NIV)

*"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see... And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly **seek** him." (Hebrews 11:1,6 NIV)*

"...'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the LORD Almighty." (Zechariah 4:6 NIV)

Use your feelings as a path to God. (Channel our feelings)

"You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had." (Philippians 2:5 NLT)

"For even if I made you grieve with my letter, I do not regret it—though I did regret it, for I see that that letter grieved you, though only for a while. ⁹As it is, I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because you were grieved into repenting. For you felt a godly grief, so that you suffered no loss through us. ¹⁰For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death. ¹¹For see what earnestness this godly grief has produced in you, but also what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal, what punishment! At every point you have proved yourselves innocent in the matter." (2 Corinthians 7:8-11 ESV)