

Why the Fuss

Common reactions to these Bible studies are:

- (1) So many to read. They are so long. They are repetitive.
- (2) I tried it and it does not work.
- (3) You must be wrong. Many good Christians are on the other side.
- (4) I do not see any evidence of what you say.

I will address “they are repetitive” last.

This study may also be titled “Walk by faith, not by sight,” 2 Corinthians 5:7. “Faith” here is interpreted as by the “What Jesus Means By Faith” study.

Many people “walk by sight” and not “walk by faith.” Here are some examples:

Mark 4:39 And **he** (*Jesus*) arose, and rebuked the wind, and **said** unto the sea, **Peace, be still**. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

40 And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?

In Mark 4:39-40 (above), Jesus did Philipians 4:19 (God’s will to supply our need of protection) by doing faith (exercising authority to do God’s will by saying “Peace, be still”). In verse 40, Jesus says, “Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?” Verse 40 implies that Jesus expected them to do John 14:12 for themselves, by doing “faith” action, like Jesus did. [See the “The Big Picture” study.]

Another example:

Matthew 14:15 And when it was evening, his disciples came to him, saying, This is a desert place, and the time is now past; send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves victuals (*food*).

16 But **Jesus said** unto them, They need not depart; **give ye them to eat**.

Matthew 14:15-16 (above) is one of the multiply-food miracles. They were in the wilderness and the disciples told Jesus that the people were hungry. Jesus told the disciples to give food to the crowd: “give ye (you) them to eat.” The disciples replied that there was no food store nearby and they only have a few fishes and few loaves of bread to feed the crowd. So, Jesus proceeded to multiple the food they did have. The point is that Jesus told the disciple to feed the crowd (God’s will as spoken by Jesus and by Philipians 4:19), presumably, by multiplying the food they had like Jesus did. Which is John 14:12.

Peter walks on water example

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See the “Peter walks on water” discussion in the “Stronger Faith” and “Illuminating Bible Passages” studies. This is a great example of walking by sight and not walking by faith. Peter was doing just fine walking by faith when Peter saw the earthly circumstances of the rising storm and waves. Peter got worried and Jesus called Peter’s sloshing through water (weaker faith action) “little faith” and it resulted in less power supporting Peter. Jesus said the reduction in power support was due to Peter’s doubt: “why did you doubt?”

Do not judge truth by what we see around us. God expects us to judge truth by God’s Word.

God calls “evil report” when the Israelites/10 spies contradicted what God said

Numbers 13:27 And they told him, and said, We came unto the land (*Promised Land*) whither thou sentest us, and surely it floweth with milk and honey; and this is the fruit of it.

28 Nevertheless the people be strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled, and very great: and moreover we saw the children of Anak there.

29 The Amalekites dwell in the land of the south: and the Hittites, and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, dwell in the mountains: and the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and by the coast of Jordan.

30 And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.

31 But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we.

32 And they brought up an **evil report** of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature.

33 And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

Numbers 14:22 Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tempted me now these ten times, and **have not hearkened to my voice;**

23 Surely they shall not see the land which I swear unto their fathers, **neither shall any of them that provoked me see it:**

24 But my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it.

In the episode above all 12 spies said the Promised Land was great. But 10 of the 12 (except Joshua and Caleb) said that the dwellers there were strong and lived in walled cities and the Israelites could not overcome them. These 10 spies walked by sight and judged their chances against a bunch of giants were very poor. But Joshua and Caleb disagreed and said that with God's promise they all could take the Promised Land. Joshua and Caleb agreed with God's Word and walked by faith.

Unfortunately, the people agreed with the 10 spies said about the world, thus opposing God's Word. The people also walked by sight. Numbers 13:32 called what the 10 spies said an "evil report." From God's point of view, opposing God's Word is an "evil report" and provokes God. Numbers 14:23 (above) says that those who provoke God will not receive from God. Walk by sight often contradict God's will. We should walk by faith by acting in agreement with God's will/Word.

Walk by faith

The first step to walk by faith is to know God's Word. Christians have to know God's Word to know when they are contrary to God's will. One result of this ignorance is that many Christians attribute devils' work to God because they do not know what God does vs. what devils do (John 10:10). While the devils are destroying Christians, these Christians are wondering what God is teaching them or they suffer abuse in silence. Next, they do not know what God has promised them and that God backs up God's promises. Then, they do not know how to obtain what God wants to give them. Lastly, they do not know how to obtain God's miracles faster, in time to make a difference.

This set of Bible studies aims at showing what the Bible says about getting prayer answered and answered faster. They are the result of 30 years of studying the Bible, following others' work, and continuous testing of the Bible. They are here to shorten the reader's journey to receive God's promised miracles. If the reader judges these studies to be biblical, then these studies are likely to be helpful. If the reader judges these studies to be not biblical, then these studies are trash and the reader should go do something else. If the reader judges these studies to be poorly written and confusing, then, please, email specific problem passages and suggestions to admin@prayeransweredfaster.com.