

Eclipsed, Disappointed Faith

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Vision: Manifesting
Christ in Many Ways
to Many People

Ephesians 1:15-21 NIV – For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, 16 I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. 17 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit[a] of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. 18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, 19 and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength 20 he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, 21 far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

Luke 22:31-32 NIV – "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. 32 But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."

It is not enough to know the facts with your mind; you have to feel the reality in your heart.

Two Greek words for "knowledge":
Oida = knowing facts or data.
Ginosko = a personal, felt knowledge gained through experience.

Almost all of your spiritual problems come from a lack of sight, because what you know with your mind has never been known or felt with your heart.

"God, you're all I have. But I don't know you well enough to know that you're all I need." – Larry Crabb

Jesus is interested in a different kind of faith than Peter currently possesses.

The enemy's strategy to make your faith fail is to place something between you and God so that it blocks your view of Him from that vantage point.

Three Things That Satan Will Try To Put Between You & God To Wreck Your Faith:

1) Your Sin

Peter doesn't believe in Jesus. He believes in his belief in Jesus.

The recovery of your faith is not dependent on you trying to believe harder.

If you base all of your discipleship on your experience and not the verdict God announces over your life, you will remain disappointed.

Here is the good news: when you are in failure, God will find you in your failure. You don't have to get yourself out of your failure.

Satan will hold your failure in front of you.

Reposition yourself under the grace of God.

"Those who look to Him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame." – Psalm 34:5

2) Your Self

"The temptation to take over God's role in our life is the essence of the false self. The false self is a self that in some way is playing god in its life and its world." – Robert Mullholand Jr.

Atlanta is just a series of micro-cities of the self all competing to expand their territory at the cost of others.

This eclipse leads to: fear, fragility, and exhaustion.

"I got to tell you, I think it was a huge error. You know, I think that allowing somebody to believe that he or she is the source of all divine, creative, and unknowable, eternal mystery is just a smidge too much responsibility to put on one fragile, human psyche. It's like asking somebody to swallow the sun. It just completely warps and distorts egos, and creates all these unimaginable expectations about performance. And I think the pressure of that has been killing off our artists for the last 500 years." – Elizabeth Gilbert in "Eat. Pray. Love."

3) Secularism – Eternal Things Eclipsed By Temporary Things

"Secularism is a way of constructing meaning and significance without any reference to the divine or transcendence."
– James K. A. Smith

We are trying to live from earth TO heaven. We are called to live from heaven TO earth.

A question of discipleship: NOT "If I die, will I go to heaven?" BUT "If I live, will heaven come to earth?"

The Triumph of Light

"In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." – John 1:4-5

**WELCOME! OUR STRATEGY AT DPC: GATHER (GATHERINGS),
GROUP (CONNECT GROUPS), GROW (GROWTH PHASES),
GIVE (GIVING/GIFTING TEAMS), GO (OUTREACH)**

GATHER

SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER - 9A + 11A - DEALING WITH DISAPPOINTMENTS

Have you ever felt let down by other people or by God? Do you ever wonder why people always seem to disappoint you, or why they never measure up to your expectations? What about God? If God is so good, why does He let bad things happen to good people? Where is God when you need Him? There are biblical answers to these questions, and we will explore them all September long!

GROUP

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 - FALL 2023 CONNECT GROUPS

Connect Groups meet all over the community this day! We would love for you to get plugged into a group and experience transformation through genuine relationships with other believers. Visit the Next Steps table for more information!

GROW

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 - 7P - 9P - NIGHT TWO OF OUR FALL SESSION OF GROWTH PHASES

It's not too late to join us for this session of Growth Phases! Sign up today. We can't wait to see all the Lord will do in your life this session!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 - 5P - 8P - WELCOME TO DP PARTY

Interested in becoming a member of Dwelling Place Church? Sign up now at the Next Steps table to join us this night where you will learn more about the mission and vision of DP along with dinner and fellowship!

GIVE

DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN GIVE VIA TEXT?

Just text any dollar amount to 84321 to give. You will follow a quick, self-guided setup process to tie your mobile phone to our church, your donor account, and a payment source. After that, donating is as easy as sending a text!

GO

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 - 10A - 2P - WOODSTOCK FIREHOUSE OPEN HOUSE

Mark your calendars to join us as we serve our city at the annual Woodstock Firehouse Open House. We will engage with the community at our Dwelling Place tent where we will have crafts for kids and more. This is an event that the whole family can be a part of!

If you have questions, please stop by the Next Steps table in the foyer, or look for a team member. If we can help you in any way, please email us at dwellingplacemovement@gmail.com

