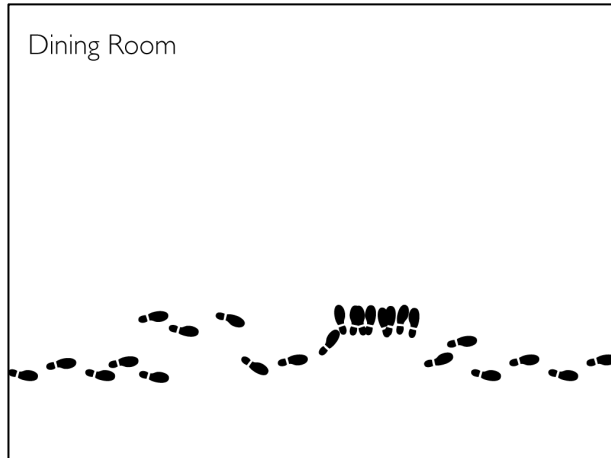


# Faith: A Way of Seeing

New Vision, 2/6/11

## I. What's wrong with this picture?



Conclusion: What you see affects what you do.

## II. What is faith?

2Cor. 4:18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

2Cor. 5:7 We live by faith, not by sight.

## III. What is faith??

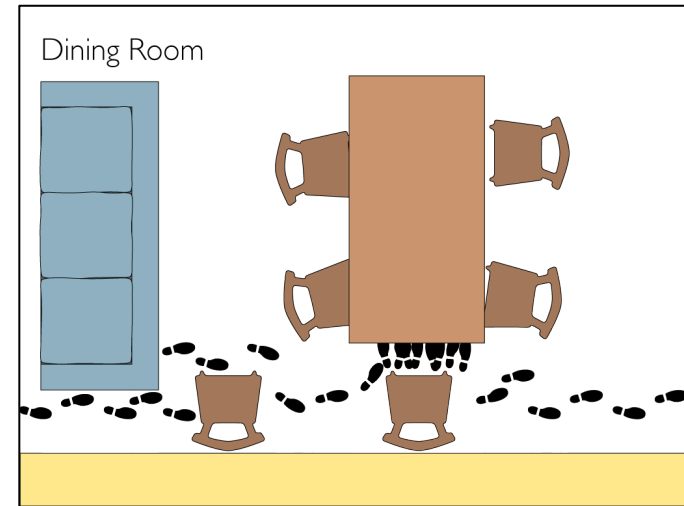
- A. ~~Believing something you know isn't true?~~
- B. ~~Believing things for no reason?~~
- C. ~~Believing really, really hard: something we muster up?~~
- D. ~~A force we tap into to control things?~~
- E. ~~The self control that can deny reality and proceed anyway?~~
- F. ~~Confident that what we wish for will come true because of the essential goodness of the universe?~~

## IV. What is faith?

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. -Heb. 11:1,2

## V. What is faith?

- A. Faith is seeing reality and acting accordingly
- B. Faith is ALWAYS based on revelation
- C. Faith is steering by the big picture, not just what happens to be visible.
- D. Given revelation, the path of faith is the only reasonable course
- E. Faith is seeing reality with the big parts left in.



## VI. What is faith?

Common	Better
1. Faith is irrational	▪ Only faith is rational
2. Faith is abandonment to the unknown	▪ Faith is confidence in the revealed
3. We should focus on mustering up some wish or feeling. (From inside us. Man-centered)	▪ We need to focus on developing our perception. (From outside us. God-centered)
4. Faith is the self control that can shut out reality and proceed (smaller picture)	▪ Faith "sees" that the seen is just a part of a larger reality (bigger picture)

**Faith is seeing reality with the big parts left in!**