



The Power of Faith to Shape the Future - Pastor Greg

The future: we can't see it, we can't predict it, we can't control it. But we can influence it and shape it. In fact we are already shaping our own future. We do this by the choices we make now, the things we do, say, and think. We are sowing now for a future harvest.

The Bible is full of stories about people of faith who God used to shape the future for good, and there are tragic stories of unbelief which wreaked havoc. When we choose to live by faith, trusting God, following Him, keeping His Word, we are shaping the future for good.

To walk by faith we need to believe that God's Covenant promises will come to pass. Abraham received a word from God that from him all nations would be blessed and that he would have a child through whom this would be fulfilled. Well, all the evidence was to the contrary. His wife was too old! But Abraham believed God. He kept his eye on God. He refused to walk by 'sight', and he walked by faith. And God fulfilled His promise (See Hebrews, Galatians, and Romans about Abraham).

This is how we live by faith. We refuse to be dissuaded by what we see with our eyes if it is contrary to God's promise, and we choose to believe that God will fulfill His promises.

Trust is so important in this. We need to trust Him in every circumstance, even in our affliction. All the people of faith in the Bible knew affliction (Abraham, Moses, Joseph, David, Jesus, Paul etc). Even when things were not working out as they might have expected, they still chose to believe God, to follow Him, and trust Him with the outcome. They did not make assumptions based on their circumstance, but trusted Him who is faithful. (See Hebrews 11)

We can shape the future by our faith!