

**Year of Faith**  
**Liturgical Minute No. 38**  
**We Walk by Faith, Not by Sight**

Scripture tells us that “we walk by faith, not by sight.” *Walking* is a biblical way of describing our day-to-day *lifestyle*. When we walk by faith, we are able to praise God for the good in our life, and trust that God will walk with us during our disappointments, and turn even them into a spiritual good for our eventual benefit, and possibly for the benefit of others as well. When we walk by faith, we know that God loves us and will supply our needs. Such faith can make us blind, blessedly blind, to what others may count as hardship or heartbreak.

Scripture also tells us, “Walk *in* Christ Jesus, *rooted* in him, and *built* upon him.” To walk “in” Christ means that our style of life is to *reflect* his – to be so comfortable imitating him that conforming our ways to his feels like the most natural thing in the world to do.

Tree *roots* are living things that draw nutrition and strength for growth from the soil. To be *rooted* in Christ means that we draw our spiritual nutrition, strength, and principles of life from him. A house does not *build* itself, but is built as a result of human effort following a building plan. Holiness is also *built* by human effort and the free choices that we make in following God’s plan for our lives.

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