

## FAITH IS A WAY OF SEEING . . .

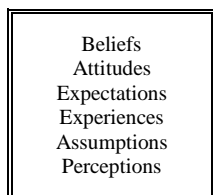
Acts 1-12

### I. Four facets of Operational Faith

Faith is a way of . . .	Faith's Substance	Faith Governs	Faith's Impact
Reliable Knowing	Theology	Beliefs	Confidence
<b>Realistic Seeing</b>	<b>World-View</b>	<b>Values</b>	<b>Clarity</b>
Responsive Acting	Ethics	Behavior	Contribution
Relational Living	Life-Style	Affections	Communion

### II. The ABCD paradigm of Perception: The role of one's belief system in governing attitudes and behavior.

Activating Event → Belief System → Consequent Emotion → Decisive Action



Principle: The appropriateness of one's emotional reaction and volitional response is determined by the degree to which one's belief system is in harmony with \_\_\_\_\_.

### III. Transitions in Acts 1-12: Six Case Histories

#### IV. Principles of Application

- A. Because we are sinners, there are \_\_\_\_\_ perceptions in our belief system. Left uncorrected these misperceptions will result in predictable \_\_\_\_\_: inappropriate emotions and sinful/foolish behaviors.
- B. The fundamental source of this correction is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God as expressed in the Bible.
- C. One source of distortion is *internal*: Our commitment to make life work on our own terms. We tend to construct a belief system that will justify a life-style of \_\_\_\_\_. The remedy for this is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lordship of Christ.
- D. Another source of distortion is *external*: what we have learned from others (who are usually well-meaning).
  1. Many of our values are influenced by a \_\_\_\_\_ that promotes self-advancement.
  2. Within the faith community, we may receive faulty instruction (or modeling): “the traditions of the elders” (John 5:39-40; Mark 7:1-13; Galatians 1:4) – Invalid \_\_\_\_\_ from biblical statements that are then made absolute and universal.
- E. Accordingly, one of our top priorities must be to train our “eyes of faith” to “see” what is unseen.