

Seeing Beyond—2 Corinthians 4:18
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The focus of our opening prayer today is seeing beyond the visible. Last week, NASA began releasing pictures from the new James Webb Space Telescope. Some of you may have seen these amazing images. My wife and I were looking at these images and my first comment was, “Wait, I’m not the center of the universe? The telescope must be pointed the wrong way!” She assured me that it was not!

All kidding aside, I was in awe of these first images. Countless galaxies in beautiful and complex shapes. Long before powerful telescopes, King David wrote in Psalm 19:1, *“The heavens declare the glory of God...”*

One capability of the Webb Telescope is that it can “see” a much broader spectrum of light than previous telescopes, including the Hubble Telescope. This enables it to see beyond, to see what has always existed but has been out of view.

The Bible is full of Scripture that encourages us to look beyond our circumstances. In fact, the definition of faith, in Hebrews 11:1, is: *“Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.”*

One relevant example of seeing beyond our circumstances would be naming a company World Wide Technology in 1990, when it was not yet even “wall-to-wall technology.” Now we can tangibly see that it is World Wide! The courage and willingness to see beyond has helped guide WWT through various seasons of opportunity and challenge.

If seeing is believing, then faith is believing without seeing. There are things at work in our world that are beyond our sight, both physically and spiritually. 2 Corinthians 4:18 offers an invitation to see with an eternal perspective: *“So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”*

Please join me in prayer:

Heavenly Father, You are the author of the galaxies. Yet, as Your Scripture reminds us, You still care about each and every one of us. You even know the very hairs on our heads. Please guide our discussions today, that they may reflect Your will. Lord, there are many tangible challenges that we need Your guidance to navigate, but we also need Your help to look beyond so we may see the opportunities to demonstrate Your love and grace to everyone we meet. Enlarge our perspectives beyond our circumstances so that we can seek first Your eternal Kingdom and Your righteousness. I pray this with humble respect for all faiths, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. AMEN