

KEY THOUGHTS

- While taste seems to be the most vulnerable of the senses, and touch the most intimate, sight seems to be the most powerful.
- Hence, we do so much to protect our vision. We would be wise to guard **WHAT** we can see as much as we guard **THAT** we can see.
- Sight is incredibly complicated:
 - Approximately 80% of what you learn is accomplished through sight.
 - There is more space in the brain devoted to sight than any of the other senses.
 - In the right conditions, a human can see candlelight up to 14 miles away!
 - The speed at which we can focus is remarkable. Just the fact that a MLB batter can locate a baseball, focus, determine where and when it will cross the plate, and then make contact with a bat is mind-boggling!
 - We have depth perception primarily because God saw to that we had two eyes, not one.
 - Eyes can discern 10 million different colors – yet black and white would be more than enough to function.
 - We can blink up to 5 times in a second. The eyelid is the fastest muscle, thus the phrase “in the blink of an eye.”
- The brain’s shortcuts to discern things leads to “optical illusions.” If you’d like to spend some time exploring some incredible optical illusions, head over to www.michaelbach.de/ot/
- We find from Scripture that though our senses pick up so much, we’ve never seen God. See Ex. 33:18-20 on why.
- Even in the New Testament, after Jesus came, we still haven’t seen God the Father. (1 John 4:12)
- And yet we **HAVE** seen God, indwelt in His Son, Jesus. (John 1:1,14)
- Some other passages which highlight that in Jesus, we see God clearly. (Colossians 1:15-17, Hebrews 1:3, 1 John 1:1)
- John 20:27-29 – sight has historically been a great tool in helping us see the work of God, but the real blessings come when we can walk with Jesus without “having to see”
- We are called to walk by faith, meaning at times we simply can’t see the truths we “know to be true”, but we trust.

SCRIPTURES

- Exodus 33:18-20
- 1 John 4:12
- John 1:1,14
- Colossians 1:15-17, Hebrews 1:3, 1 John 1:1
- John 20:27-29
- 2 Corinthians 5:7
- 1 Corinthians 13:12

PRACTICAL & REFLECT

- Do I have enough faith to trust God in obedience when “what I see” isn’t clear enough to get me to take the step?
- The story shared at the end about Robertson McQuilkin is from his book, **A Promise Kept**. Highly recommended for any married couple, particularly in difficult times.