

## ...we live by faith and not by sight. 2 Corinthians 5:7

## **Believing Is Seeing**



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Then the woman left her water jar, went into town, and told the people, "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?" John 4:28-29

Now many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of what the woman said when she testified, "He told me everything I ever did. John 4:39

Many more believed because of what he said. And they told the woman, "We no longer believe because of what you said, since we have heard for ourselves and know that this really is the Savior of the world.

When they entered Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him <u>because they had seen</u> <u>everything he did</u> in Jerusalem during the festival.

#### John 4:43-45

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## He went again to Cana of Galilee, where he had turned the water into wine. There was a certain royal official whose son was ill at Capernaum. John 4:46

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## Jesus told him, "Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will not believe."

## "Sir," the official said to him, "come down before my boy dies." John 4:49

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# Our faith needs to grow from a confident faith to a confirmed faith

### A Confirmed Faith

While he was still going down, his servants met him saying that his boy was alive. He asked them at what time he got better. "Yesterday at one in the afternoon the fever left him," they answered. The father realized this was the very hour at which Jesus had told him, "Your son will live." John 4:51-53a

Hopefully, our faith grows to a contagious faith

#### A Contagious Faith

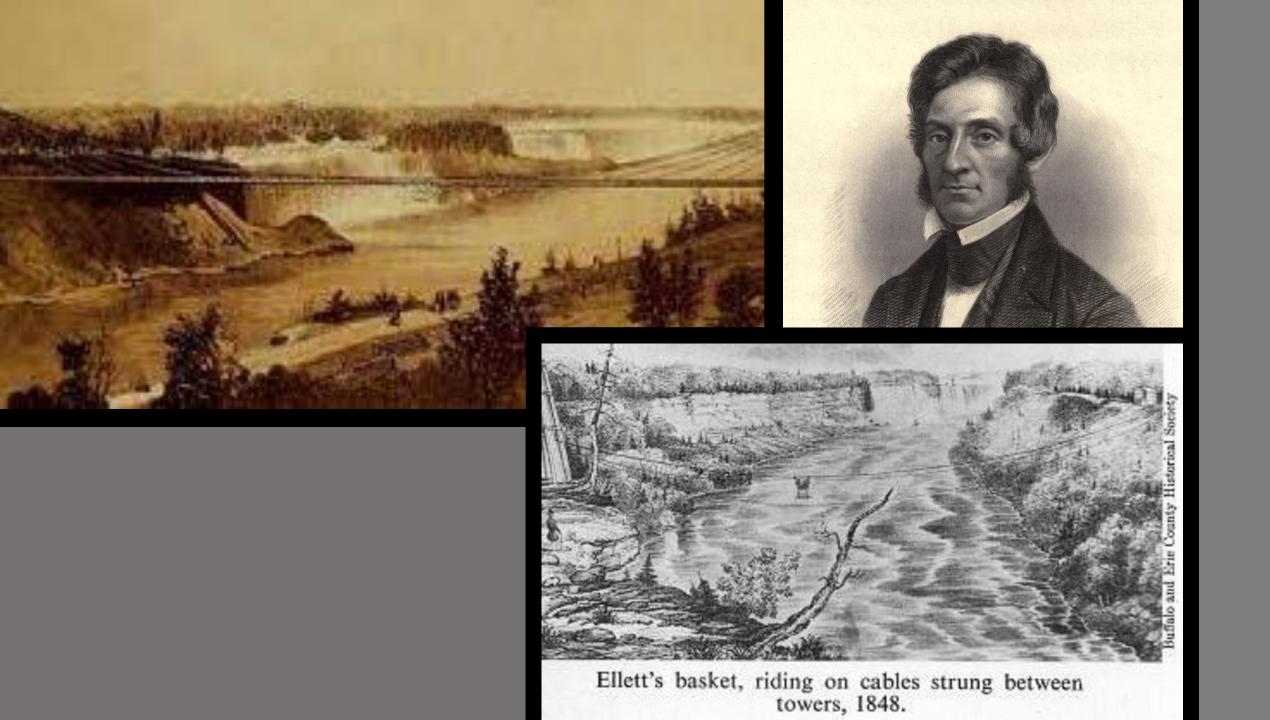
## ...so he himself believed, along with his whole household.

John 4:53b

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So, faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the message about Christ. <u>Romans 10:17</u>



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