



To suppose that the eye with all its inimitable contrivances for adjusting the focus to different distances, for admitting different amounts of light, and for the correction of spherical and chromatic aberration, could have been formed by natural selection, seems, I confess, absurd in the highest degree...

Charles Darwin

I. WHAT FAITH IS

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see...By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command...

Hebrews 11:1,3a (NIV)

Faith is choosing to see things—not as they are—but rather as they can be with the intervention of the power and wisdom of God.

And the one sitting on the throne said, "Look, I am making everything new!"

Revelation 21:5 (NLT)

II. WAYS TO RENEW OUR FAITH IN 2025 FROM 2 KINGS 6:8-23

We must...

1. Open our eyes to the promises of God (v.8-12)

Your laws never leave my mind, and they make me much wiser than my enemies. Thinking about your teachings gives me better understanding than my teachers, and obeying your laws makes me wiser than those who have lived a long time. I obey your word instead of following a way that leads to trouble.

Psalms 119:98-101 (CEV)

2. Open our eyes to the power of God (v.13-15)

For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.
Philippians 4:13 (NLT)

So no weapon that is used against you will defeat you. You will show that those who speak against you are wrong. These are the good things my servants receive. Their victory comes from me," says the LORD.

Isaiah 54:17 (NCV)

3. Open our eyes to the presence of God (v.16-17)

What are the angels, then? They are spirits who serve God and are sent by him to help those who are to receive salvation.

Hebrews 1:14 (TEV)

Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the LORD will personally go ahead of you. He will be with you; he will neither fail you nor abandon you."

Deuteronomy 31:8 (NLT)

4. Open our eyes to the possibilities of God (v.18-23)

Be alert, be present. I'm about to do something brand-new. It's bursting out! Don't you see it? There it is! I'm making a road through the desert, rivers in the badlands

Isaiah 43:19 (The Message)