

The Graceful Impala



The African impala is one of the most powerful and graceful animals in Africa.

It can jump to a height of more than 10 feet and cover a distance of more than 30 feet in one jump. In spite of its greater ability, an impala can be kept in an enclosure with a solid fence no more than 3 feet high.

The reason? Impala will not jump if they can't see where their feet will land. Impala walk by sight, not faith.

Isn't that crazy, you say? Well, there are many Christians who walk the same way. Faith is "the evidence of things not seen," not the evidence of things seen.

Commenting on the impala's predilection, Dr. David Jeremiah, senior pastor of Shadow Mountain Community Church in El Cajon, Calif., in his book *Turning Points*, writes: "As a believer, if we are willing to take steps in life only when we can see exactly what's on the path, we don't have biblical faith."

Abraham, for example, was a man who had true faith. "God called him from his home in Mesopotamia and directed him to he knew not where," Dr. Jeremiah said. "Abraham just obeyed God, left his home, and walked one step at a time. Eventually, he arrived at his destination – not because he saw Canaan but because he saw the will of God for his life."

We have entered into the year 2014. What does it hold for us?

"The future can only be faced in two ways: with faith or with fear," Dr. Jeremiah relates. "How small is the enclosure that has you penned in? If you have to see the next step before you'll move ahead, you're trusting your sight instead of your Savior."

Words fitly spoken as we move forward in what God has called us to do in Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home.

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen (Hebrews 11:1 NKJV).

– Beecher Hunter