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- How thankful we should be that Jesus didn’t rise to the bait
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- Wrong order!
- Often we make the same mistake – we must determine to live by faith and not sight
- 3 applications
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