

Intro: quick story

Review of Message and scripture .. No Slide

#1 We should ask ourselves how did Abraham become a man of faith?
And is it possible for me to have that same faith?

#2 We should ask ourselves what did Abraham's faith compel him to do?
And if that faith is in operation in my heart, how might it lay hold of me?

#3 We should ask ourselves what did Abraham believe about God?
And so what should I believe?

8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. 9 By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; 10 for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

How Did Abraham Become a Man of Faith?

Slide a. He was not born a believer, none of us are

Slide Josh. 24:2-4

"Thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'Your fathers, including Terah, the father of Abraham and the father of Nahor, dwelt on the other side of the River in old times; and they served other gods. 3 Then I took your father Abraham from the other side of the River, led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his descendants and gave him Isaac.

Slide Romans 3:10-11

*"There is none righteous, no, not one;
11 There is none who understands;
There is none who seeks after God.
12 They have all turned aside;
They have together become unprofitable;
There is none who does good, no, not one."*

Slide b. Abraham received a promise

Slide Gen. 12:1 Then the LORD said to Abram, "Leave your country, your kindred, and your father's household, and go to the land I will show you.

2I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you; and all the families of the earth will be blessed through you."

Slide Quote: The starting place of faith always begins with a messenger, a carrier of God's Word in the form of a promise.

Romans 10:14How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? 15And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written:

*"How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace,
Who bring glad tidings of good things!"*

16But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our (Slide) report?" 17So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

We have the Word of God containing every precious promise to increase our faith!

Hebrews 1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son

SO.....How Did Abraham Become a Man of Faith?

Slide What Did Abraham's Faith Compel Him To Do? (Genuine Faith Obeys)

Again, vs 8 says “By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance.”

a. **Slide**

Genesis 12:4 So Abram departed, as the LORD had directed him, and Lot went with him.

Note: Our obedience or disobedience to God’s Word will have an eternal impact on those around us.

Ex of Men: (father’s day)

1. Philipian jailer in Acts 16 (Paul & Silas singing)

“And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized.”

2. Acts 10 Cornelius called together his “relatives and close friends.”

“While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word” - they got baptized

3. Luke 4 Jesus goes to Peter’s house and heals her mother-in-law

- Exhort men Father’s day!!!

b. **(Faith Trusts)**

vs 8 And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

Quote: Often, when God calls a man or a woman or a child to follow Him, he does not always tell them where they are going. There are no details about how the journey will fare, what obstacles they shall be met with, how long the journey will be, who will betray them along the way, or even why He should choose to go the route they are going, but only gives them a simple promise that He will get them there. And (Slide) if God should promise the end, then we should have no need to worry about the hardships faced in the middle. For whatever may be, we know where we will end up. That is faith. A child-like resolution in the heart that trusts no matter what.

- Promises are so sure they are given to us in past tense:

(Slide) Romans 8:30 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover, whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

c. **Slide (Faith waits patiently)**

Against vs 9 “By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; 10 for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.”

They were aliens, never having made this earth their home, because they looked for an eternal dwelling.

Slide **What Did Abraham’s Faith believe about God?**

Slide 17 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, 18 of whom it was said, “In Isaac your seed shall be called,” 19 concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.

Genesis 22:5 “Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you.”

So, what do we believe?

2 Corinth. 1:19 For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us—by me, Silvanus, and Timothy—was not Yes and No, but in Him was Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us. 21 Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, 22 who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

Don’t worry about your present

Hebrews 13:5 Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

“Never will I leave you;

never will I forsake you.”

Don't worry about your future

John 10:27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. 28 And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. 30 I and My Father are one.”

Look to Jesus

Hebrews 4:14 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Slide Let our faith be like Abraham's, who trusted unwaveringly that God is faithful to fulfill all that He has promised us in Christ!