

Make Your Faith Great Again – HOPE

How to Fully Persuade Your Heart

Sermon by Pastor Kevin Casey July 13, 2025

Start Thinking:

Trust is built on knowing someone's character. Abraham didn't just believe in the promise—he believed in the One who made the promise.

Key Verse:

Romans 4:20-21 (NKJV)

He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.

Main Point:

Great faith is being convinced before you see it—hope rises as you focus on the One who made the promise.

Sermon Notes:

- 1. Great Faith
 - a. Centurion: Understood Jesus' authority 'Just say the word.' (Matthew 8)
 - b. Syrophoenician Woman: Believed Jesus' compassion. (Mark 7)
 - c. Disciples: Trusted Jesus' direction 'Because You said so.' (Luke 5)
- 2. Abraham's Journey to Great Faith
 - a. Desired a child deeply Gen 15:1-6
 - b. God saw a nation Gen 22:18
 - c. Abraham believed God Gen 15:6
 - d. Became God's friend James 2:23
 - e. Sarah joined his faith Heb 11:11
- 3. How to Fully Persuade Your Heart
 - a. Hope gives your faith a target Heb 11:1
 - b. Meditate on who God is:
 - i. He cannot lie Titus 1:2

- ii. He gives good gifts Rom 8:32
- iii. He pours His love Rom 5:5
- iv. Scripture builds hope Rom 15:4
- c. Jesus reveals God Heb 1:3

Personal Application:

- Pursue knowing God personally through His Word and presence.

- Make knowing God the main thing, all other desires will be filtered through what you know about God's character.

- Meditate on Scripture daily to keep your heart anchored in hope.