# "From Believing to Trusting"

#### **Text: Genesis 17:15-23**

"Even so Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness" (Gal 3:6 NASB).

"It is the blessing of the LORD that makes rich, and He adds no sorrow to it" (Prov 10:22 NASB).

"I will bless [Sarah], and indeed I will give you a son by her...Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said in his heart, 'Will a child be born to a man one hundred years old? And will Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?" (Gen 17:16-17 NASB).

## 1. **COOPERATE** IN HIS **WAYS**.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight" (Prov 3:5-6 NASB).

"Whoever is wise, let him understand these things ... the ways of the Lord are right..." (Hos 14:9 NASB).

• Will we keep God's Word the same and change our lives to match God's Word; or will we change God's Word a little bit to match the way we live?

"Now when Jesus heard this, He marveled and said to those who were following, 'Truly I say to you, I have not found such great faith with anyone in Israel" (Matt 8:10 NASB).

### 2. GO BY WHAT YOU KNOW, NOT BY WHAT YOU FEEL.

"So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took ... Isaac his son ... and went to the place of which God had told him" (Gen 22:3 NASB).

"He who gives attention to the word will find good, and blessed is he who trusts in the Lord" (Prov 16:20 NASB).

# 3. WHEN IT IS **DARK**, TRUST IN THE LORD!

"In God I have put my trust, I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me?" (Ps 56:11 NASB).

"Those who trust in the Lord are as Mount Zion, which cannot be moved but abides forever" (Ps 125:1 NASB).