

BE PERSUADED

Lesson Summary & Objective: Faith is not merely believing that God can do something; it is becoming persuaded that God is faithful to His Word. Abraham's journey shows faith developing from God's promise to confident expectation and ultimately to fulfillment. The objective is to help participants examine whether God's Word has become settled in their hearts so that they live consciously, confidently, convinced of His love, and consumed by His purposes.

KEY SCRIPTURES

- Galatians 5:5–6
- Genesis 12:2–3; 13:16; 15:5–6; 21:1–7
- Romans 4:17–21
- Hebrews 4:12

THE FOUR DIMENSIONS OF BEING PERSUADED

1. CONSCIOUS — Romans 12:2

Faith begins with a renewed mind. We must become aware of what God has said and allow His Word—not circumstances, culture, or fear—to shape our thinking. Abraham had to look beyond what was visible and consider God's promise.

- What influences your thinking most when circumstances contradict God's Word?
- What does renewing your mind look like in practical daily life?

2. CONFIDENT — 1 John 5:14

Persuasion produces confidence in approaching God. Confidence is not presumption; it rests on knowing that when we ask according to His will, He hears us. Abraham's confidence grew because he trusted the One who made the promise.

- What is the difference between confidence in God and confidence in our own ability?
- How does knowing God hears you change the way you pray?

3. CONVINCED — Romans 8:38 (MSG)

To be convinced is to settle the issue in your heart. Abraham was fully persuaded that God was able to perform what He had promised (Romans 4:20–21). Likewise, we can become settled in the truth that nothing can separate us from God's love.

- What truth about God do you need to become fully convinced of?
- How does being convinced of God's love help you respond to difficult circumstances?

4. CONSUMED — Ephesians 3:18–19 (AMP)

Persuasion should move beyond what we know into what fills our lives. Paul prayed that believers would comprehend the breadth, length, height, and depth of Christ's love and be filled with all the fullness of God. When God's truth and love consume us, they shape our priorities, decisions, relationships, and obedience.

- What would it look like for God's love to become the controlling influence in your life?
- What is one area where you need to move from knowing God's Word to being transformed by it?

FAITH IN ACTION

Genesis 15:5–6 gives the pattern: God spoke → Abraham heard → Abraham believed → God counted his faith as righteousness. Romans 4:17–21 shows that Abraham did not deny the facts; he gave greater weight to God's promise. Genesis 21 demonstrates that the God who makes the promise is faithful to bring it to fulfillment.

Closing Question: What has God said that you need to become more conscious of, confident in, convinced about, or consumed by?