

Daring Faith Series - Part 6 - Believing While You're Waiting

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Good morning. Welcome to our 6th and final message in our sermon series “Daring Faith”.

Believing While You’re Waiting.

How do you keep on believing while you’re waiting for God to answer?

Look at Abraham.

God gave Abraham a promise and Abraham had to wait until he was 100 years old.

Six phases of faith:

1. Dream

Genesis 12:1-2

12 The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. ² “I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

Abraham was 75 years old when God gave him that promise. They still had no children.

2. Decision

Genesis 12:4

⁴So Abram went, as the Lord had told him,

As dream without a decision had no worth, every dream has a level of risk to it. There comes a point when you have to act.

3. Delay

Almost always a time gap between when the dream comes and when it is fulfilled.

Genesis 16:1

Now Sarai, Abram’s wife, had borne him no children.

Eleven years have passed. He is 86 years old. He had a dream, and nothing happened.

4. Difficulty

You not only have to wait then you have to go through more problems. Abraham keeps getting older and so does his wife.

Genesis 17:17

“Will a son be born to a man a hundred years old? Will Sarah bear a child at the age of ninety?”

God changed his name from Abram to Abraham which mean “father of a great nation.” Imagine having a name like that and having no children.

Eventually God did fulfill his promise to Abraham when he was 100 and Sarah was 90. They had a miracle baby.

5. Dead end

Genesis 22:2

² Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.”

What?

How do you know when you’re at phase 5? You feel hopeless.

Marriage

Budget

Career

Relationships

You start to doubt, and you start to ask why.

6. Deliverance

Genesis 22:11-14

“Abraham! Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied. ¹² “Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.” ¹³ Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide.

Each of us is in one of these phases.

What do you do while you are waiting?

Remember what God can do.

Romans 4:17 (NCV)

Abraham believed, [in] the God who gives life to the dead and who creates something out of nothing.

God can speak life to that thing that is dead in your life.

Mark 9:23 (TLB)

“Anything is possible if you have faith.”

What was Abraham putting his faith in?

Himself?

Feelings?

Positive thinking?

He believed in the promise of God.

Abraham believed, [in] the God who gives life to the dead and who creates something out of nothing.

When you get to the dead end in your life. And you will, you will most likely go through these phases many times.

You need to remember what God can do, Jesus said...

Luke 18:27

“What is impossible with man is possible with God.”

What do you do while you are waiting?

Rely on God’s Promises

Romans 4:18 (J.B.PNT)

¹⁸ Abraham, when hope was dead within him, went on hoping in faith, believing that he would become “the father of many nations”. He relied on the word of God

Having people around you to speak life into your dream.

Look at what it says when hope was dead within him.

How do you know when hope is dead? You start saying never...

What do you do when your hope is dying? You do what Abraham did!

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Closing Song

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