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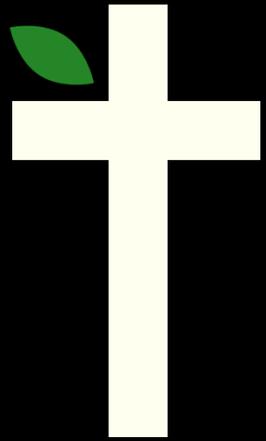
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## YOUNG FAITH (PART I)

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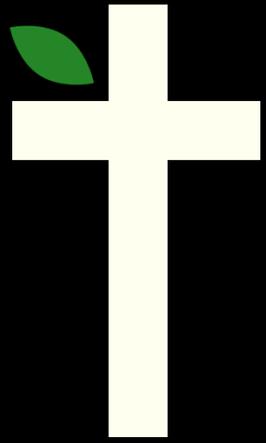
**SCRIPTURE**

**Genesis 11:1-4**

(NLT)

**1**

**At one time all the people of the world spoke the same language and used the same words.**



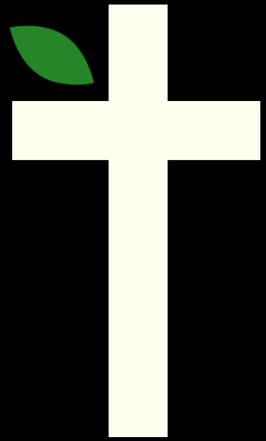
**SCRIPTURE**

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**As the people migrated to the east, they found a plain in the land of Babylonia and settled there.**



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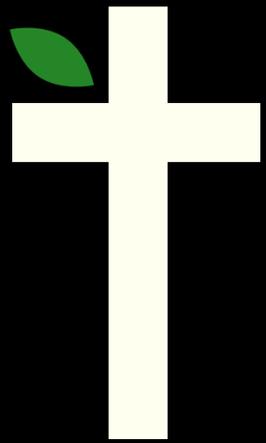
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**3**

**They began saying to each other, “Let’s make bricks and harden them with fire.”**

*(In this region bricks were used instead of stone, and tar was used for mortar.)*



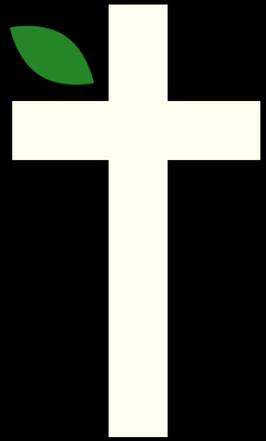
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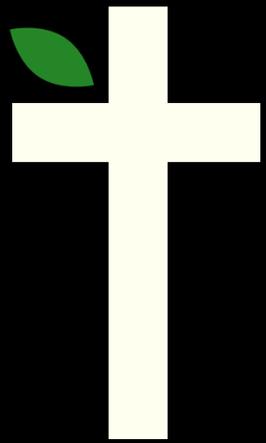
**SCRIPTURE**

**Genesis 12:1-3**

(NLT)

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**The Lord had said to Abram, “Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father’s family, and go to the land that I will show you.**



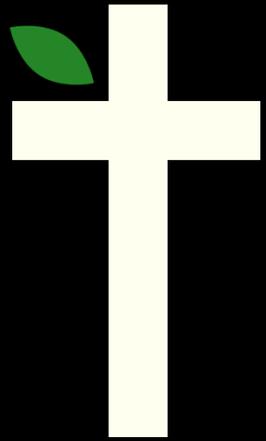
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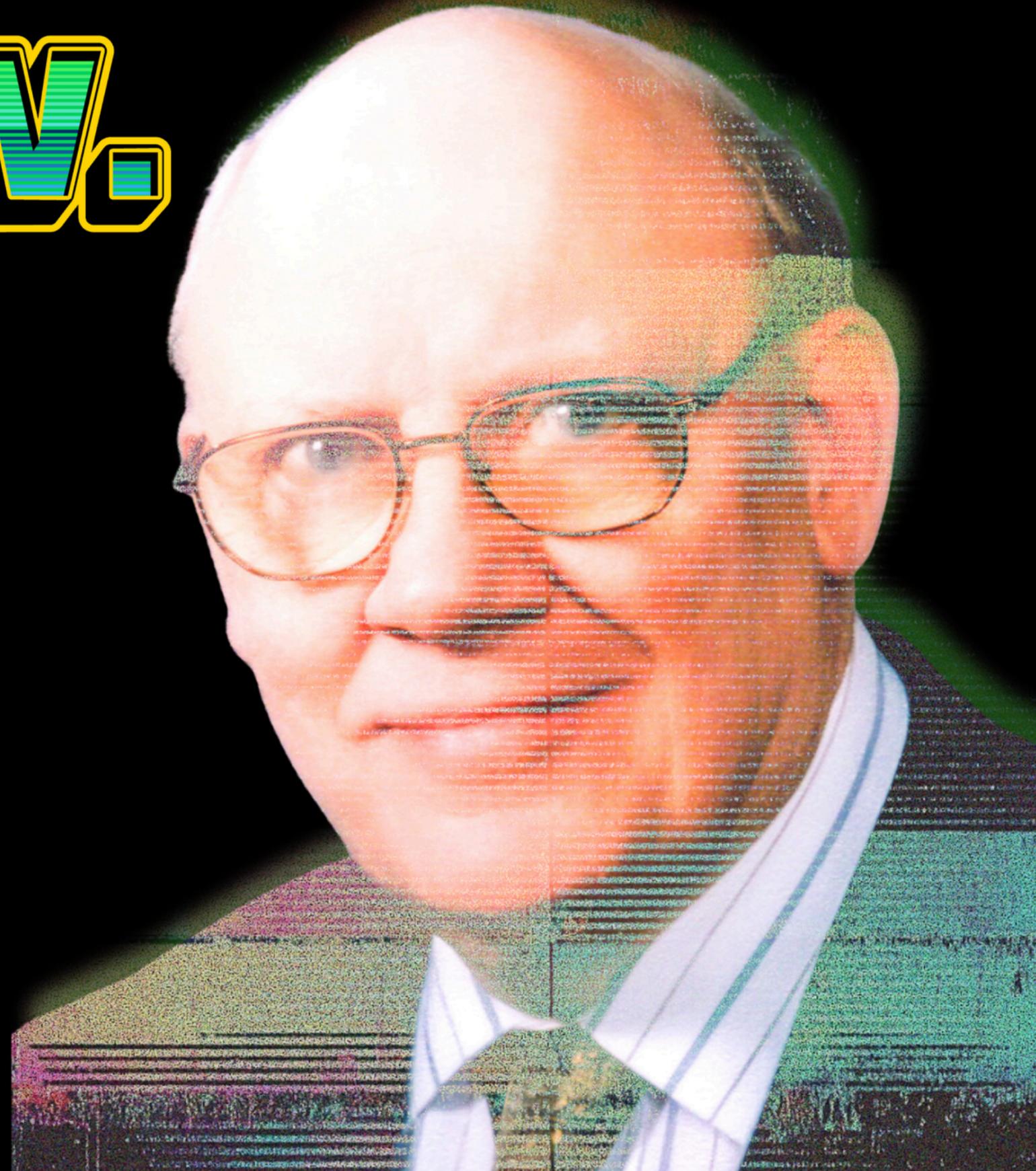
**Growing in our faith is the ability to move from living on expectation to living on His promises.**

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## SPIRITUAL LIFE STAGES

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**SPIRITUAL LIFE STAGES**

**STAGE ONE**

# **YOUNG FAITH**

**Young Faith is where we start taking baby steps on our spiritual journey with God. God does not ask a lot of us at this stage of faith.**

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**STAGE TWO**

# **MATURING FAITH**

**During this time God moves from stretching our faith to tempering it through trials.**

**During this time, we pass some test and fail some test, but each test is designed for our growth and development of faith in God.**

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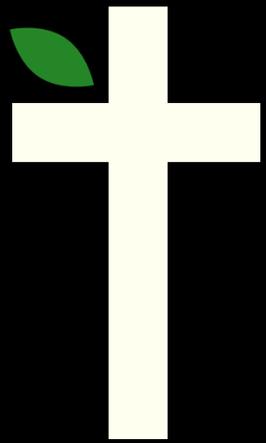
**STAGE THREE**

# **FIDELITY FAITH**

**Fidelity faith is not tested or revealed until God thinks we are ready. The first two stages of faith are the training years for the main event of your faith that boils down to one simple question: *“Do I love God more than anything and anyone else?”***

**STAGE ONE**

**I WILL  
INSTEAD  
OF THE WILL**



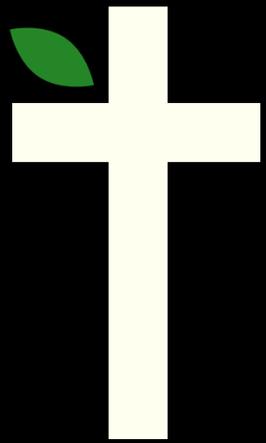
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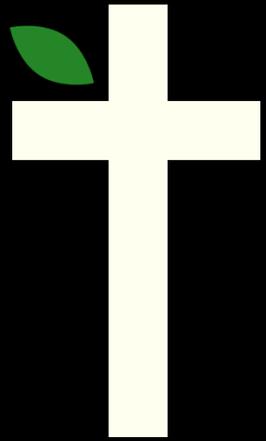
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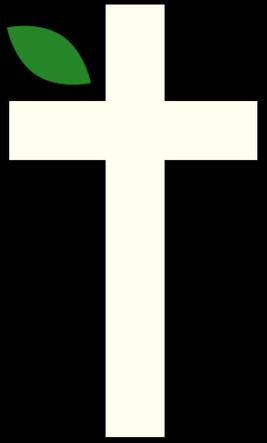
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# STAGE TWO

THERE IS A DIFFERENCE  
IN FOLLOWING GOD  
AND TRUSTING GOD



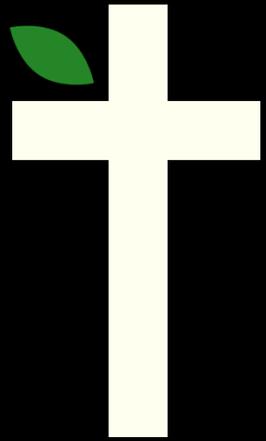
## SCRIPTURE

**Acts 7:2-3**

(NLT)

**3**

**This was Stephen's reply: "Brothers and fathers, listen to me. Our glorious God appeared to our ancestor Abraham in Mesopotamia before he settled in Haran."**



## SCRIPTURE

**Acts 7:2-3**

(NLT)

**3**

**God told him, 'Leave your native land and your relatives, and come into the land that I will show you.'**

# STAGE THREE

GOOD STRIPS  
US BEFORE HE  
STRETCHES US

# STRIPPED OF HIS

**Place (*Ur of Chaldeans*)**  
**Heritage (*Father*)**  
**Past (*Haran*)**

**GOD CAN REVERSE OUR MESS**

# ASK YOURSELF

**Am I living by what I want God to do, or what God has promised?**

**Have I stopped somewhere God only meant me to pass through?**

**What is God asking me to release so He can stretch my faith?**

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