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Complete trust or confidence in someone or something.

Genesis 11:27-32

27 Now these are the generations of Terah. Terah fathered Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran fathered Lot. 28 Haran died in the presence of his father Terah in the land of his kindred, in Ur of the Chaldeans. 29 And Abram and Nahor took wives. The name of Abram's wife was Sarai, and the name of Nahor's wife, Milcah, the daughter of Haran the father of Milcah and Iscah. 30 Now Sarai was barren; she had no child. 31 Terah took Abram his son and Lot the son of Haran, his grandson, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife, and they went forth together from Ur of the Chaldeans to go into the land of Canaan, but when they came to Haran, they settled there. 32 The days of Terah were 205 years, and Terah died in Haran.

Genesis 12:1-9

1 Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. 2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." 4 So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. 5 And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, 6 Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. 7 Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. 8 From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord. 9 And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negev.

Romans 4:3

3 For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness."

Adonai says leave the land you've always known. Leave your fathers house, your family. GO!

Jesus called the fishermen and the IMMEDIATELY they dropped their nets and followed Him.

How far will you go? How obedient will you be?

Faith must have action or it's dead faith!

He will stretch us. He will make us uncomfortable.

Generational consequences are tied to our obedience. He sets before us life and death- choose LIFE!

His trust and obedience cost him all, but the great reward and seed came through Abraham (Jesus).

Abraham heard His voice/the call and He followed the voice. His voice must be the most valuable to us.

For we walk by faith, not by sight. 2 Corinthians 5:7

Not only talking (words but no action)

Not just feelings (emotions)

Not just thinking (intellectually)

Faith is also a seed.

Matthew 13:1-9

1 Later that same day Jesus left the house and sat beside the lake. **2** A large crowd soon gathered around him, so he got into a boat. Then he sat there and taught as the people stood on the shore. **3** He told many stories in the form of parables, such as this one: "Listen! A farmer went out to plant some seeds. **4** As he scattered them across his field, some seeds fell on a footpath, and the birds came and ate them. **5** Other seeds fell on shallow soil with underlying rock. The seeds sprouted quickly because the soil was shallow. **6** But the plants soon wilted under the hot sun, and since they didn't have deep roots, they died. **7** Other seeds fell among thorns that grew up and choked out the tender plants. **8** Still other seeds fell on fertile soil, and they produced a crop that was thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times as much as had been planted! **9** Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand."

Jesus explains- Matthew 13:18-23

18 “Now listen to the explanation of the parable about the farmer planting seeds: **19** The seed that fell on the footpath represents those who hear the message about the Kingdom and don’t understand it. Then the evil one comes and snatches away the seed that was planted in their hearts. **20** The seed on the rocky soil represents those who hear the message and immediately receive it with joy. **21** But since they don’t have deep roots, they don’t last long. They fall away as soon as they have problems or are persecuted for believing God’s word. **22** The seed that fell among the thorns represents those who hear God’s word, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life and the lure of wealth, so no fruit is produced. **23** The seed that fell on good soil represents those who truly hear and understand God’s word and produce a harvest of thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as had been planted!”

The word of God is an incorruptible seed.

1 Peter 1:23

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever.

That seed can’t be destroyed!

What kind of soil are we planting the seed we’ve been given, in?

Must be tilled, nutrient rich, weeds pulled etc. Ready to receive the incorruptible seed!

Mustard seed. One of the smallest seeds yet grows into one of the largest trees! We have all been given a certain measure of faith.

Fish and loaves in the hands of the Master turn to feeding many.

Water turned to wine in His hands.

What’s in your hands? What has he put there?

We are all “Mary’s” to an extent. His seed gets put into our spirit man and watering and nurturing it causes it to grow. We then grow into mature sons/daughters of God.

Hear the word

Accept the word
Trust it
Go and bear fruit!

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Faith is substance. It works with hope and love.

Faith has to be based in His word. It goes beyond intellect.

Hebrews 11:3

By faith we understand that the entire universe was formed at God's command, that what we now see did not come from anything that can be seen.

Hebrews 11:6

6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that comes to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Faith is a lifestyle. The word says the just shall LIVE by faith.

Must walk by faith to experience Him in our circumstances.

Who is the One calling us to live by faith? What is His character?

What past victories has He given to you? He's the same still. Faith and trust is based on relationship and knowing the character of that One. Just like any relationship.

Don't need to be perfect. Hebrews 11 lists many imperfect people who chose to walk by faith.

Faith in good times and bad times. Job said, "Even if He slays me, yet will I trust Him"! Don't have faith in a certain outcome only. Have faith in the person of Jesus Christ.