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saving faith look like?

It looks like Abraham's
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Abraham gave God his “Yes”

The “Yes” sounded like, “I believe you Lord, let’s go.”

Principles we learn from
Abraham:

If the situation is profound or
simple, when God speaks I
give him my “Yes”

Principles we learn from
Abraham:

Our faith should be anchored
in the faithfulness of God, not
in our circumstances.

We are called to follow in the footsteps of Abraham and put our confident trust in Christ. Faith in Him is the ONLY way to be right with God.

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People of the Light

Therefore, be imitators of God, as dearly loved children, ² and walk in love, as Christ also loved us and gave himself for us, a sacrificial and fragrant offering to God. ³ But sexual immorality and any impurity or greed should not even be heard of^[a] among you, as is proper for saints.

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⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty arguments, for God's wrath is coming on the disobedient^[b] because of these things. ⁷ Therefore, do not become their partners. ⁸ For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light— ⁹ for the fruit of the light^[c] consists of all goodness, righteousness, and truth— ¹⁰ testing what is pleasing to the Lord.

¹¹ Don't participate in the fruitless works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to mention what is done by them in secret. ¹³ Everything exposed by the light is made visible, ¹⁴ for what makes everything visible is light. Therefore it is said:

Get up, sleeper, and rise up from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.

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- We don't belong to ourselves anymore, we are apart of the body.
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Know the Light and know our
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Jesus spoke to them again:
“I am the light of the world.
Anyone who follows me will
never walk in the darkness
but will have the light of
life.” (John 8:12)

“You are the light of
the world. A city
situated on a hill
cannot be hidden.”
(Matthew 5:14)

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Acts 19-20 and Revelation 2:1-7

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“Sow a thought, reap a
action; sow an action, reap a
habit; sow a habit reap a
character; sow a character,
reap a destiny.” Alistair Begg

The Unmerited Favor of God

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins **2** in which you once walked, following the course[a] of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—
3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the flesh and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.[b]

4 But[c] God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Dead in Trespass

We are not enough, we need
a savior.

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God is enough and He gives
grace. It's all about Him.

Saved by Grace through Faith

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This grace is something He does
not us. We can't earn it and we
haven't sinned to much that He
can't save us.

Christian: Behold Him and walk
worthy.

Not yet Christian: come to Christ
and receive more grace than you
could ever imagine. He will make
you a Son or Daughter.