

LOVE IS ON THE WAY

Part 1 of Series: Love Is On The Way – Preparing Your Heart For A Season Of Blessing

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“For the Scriptures tell us, ‘Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith.’ When people work, their wages are not a gift, but something they have earned. But people are counted as righteous, not because of their work, but because of their faith in God who forgives sinners. David also spoke of this when he described the happiness of those who are declared righteous without working for it: ‘Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven, whose sins are put out of sight. Yes, what joy for those whose record the LORD has cleared of sin.’ ... So the promise is received by faith. It is given as a free gift. And we are all certain to receive it, whether or not we live according to the law of Moses, if we have faith like Abraham’s. For Abraham is the father of all who believe. ... Even when there was no reason for hope, Abraham kept hoping—believing that he would become the father of many nations. For God had said to him, ‘That’s how many descendants you will have!’ And Abraham’s faith did not weaken, even though, at about 100 years of age, he figured his body was as good as dead—and so was Sarah’s womb. Abraham never wavered in believing God’s promise. In fact, his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God. He was fully convinced that God is able to do whatever He promises.” Romans 4:3-8; 16; 18-21(NLT)

- Faith is the key to being ready for a season of blessing.

1. DON'T WAVER DURING A DIFFICULT SEASON

“Abraham never wavered in believing God’s promise. In fact, his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God.” Romans 4:20 (NLT)

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.” James 1:2-4 (NIV)

2. REST IN GOD’S TIMING IN A SEASON OF WAITING

“Rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him to act. ... don’t fret and worry – it only leads to harm.” Psalm 37:7a; 8b (TLB)

- Rest in God’s promises

“He didn't tiptoe around God's promise asking cautiously skeptical questions. He plunged into the promise and came up strong, ready for God, sure that God would make good on what he had said.” Romans 4:20-21 (MSG)

- Praise God before it happens

“But Abraham never doubted. ... he praised God for this blessing even before it happened. He was completely sure that God was able to do anything He promised.” Romans 4:20-21 (TLB)

3. SURRENDER TO HOPE IN A SEASON OF HOPELESSNESS

“Abraham, when hope was dead within him, went on hoping in faith.... He relied on the word of God....” Romans 4:18 (Ph)

“Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead – since he was about a hundred years old – and that Sarah's womb was also dead. Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God....” Romans 4:19-20 (NIV)

- Surrender to God's miracle of deliverance
- Surrender to God's method of deliverance

4. OPEN YOUR HEART TO RECEIVING THE HARVEST

“Those who plant in tears will harvest with shouts of joy. They weep as they go to plant their seed, but they sing as they return with the harvest.” Psalm 126:5-6 (NLT)

“... this happened because Abraham believed in the God who brings the dead back to life and who creates new things out of nothing.” Romans 4:17b (NLT)

“I, Jude, am a slave to Jesus Christ and brother to James, writing to those loved by God the Father, called and kept safe by Jesus Christ. Relax, everything's going to be all right; rest, everything's coming together; open your hearts, love is on the way!” Jude 1:1-2 (MSG)