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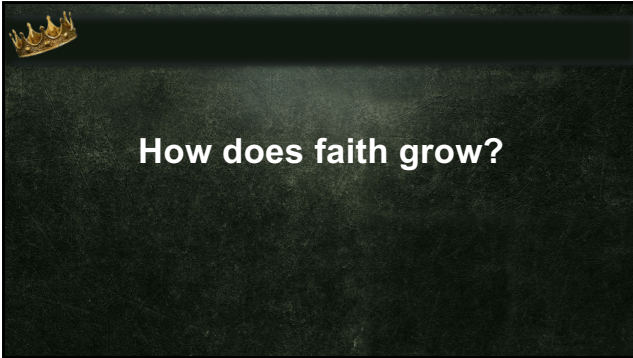
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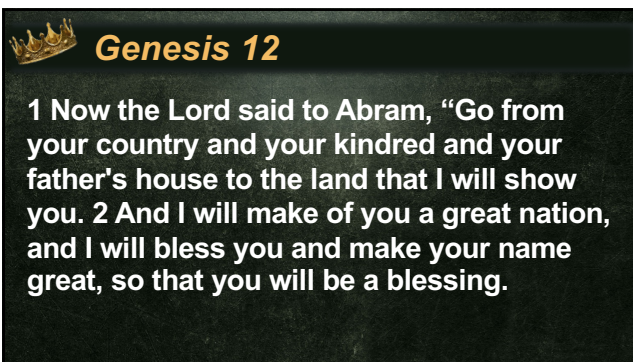
 **Hebrews 11:8**

8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

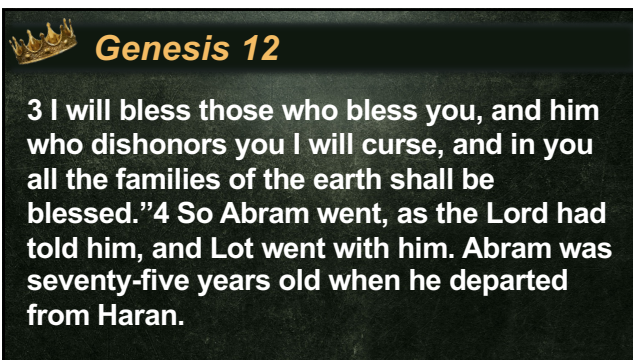
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Genesis 12

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.

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Genesis 15

1 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." 2 But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"


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Genesis 15


3 And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." 4 And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir."

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 **Genesis 15**


5 And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." 6 And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

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 **Abram's 10 Year Faith Build**


Death of Father Terah	April, 1892 BC
Abram to Canaan	April 5, 1892
Famine - to Egypt	1892 BC
Lies about Sarah	1891 BC
Lot Separates from Abram	1891 BC
Abram rescues Captive Lot	1883 BC
God renews Covenant Gen 15	1882 BC

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 **God's Faith Process**


Faith isn't built in a moment in a meeting.
God's process produces faith with hearing and obeying His Word day-by-day.

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 **God's Faith Process?**


Hearing the Word initiates our faith
Proclaiming the Word activates our faith
Doing the Word demonstrates our faith

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 **Faith is**


1. Not the absence of questions
2. Not having detailed directions
3. Not an easy and painless life
4. Not a one-time event or experience
5. **Trusting and progressively pursuing God**

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How does God guide us?

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Psalm 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

I accept my need for a shepherd to guide
I recognize Jesus as my shepherd
I declare by faith that "I shall not want"


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Genesis 49:24 NKJV

24 But his bow remained in strength, And the arms of his hands were made strong By the hands of the Mighty [God] of Jacob (From there [is] the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel),
Jehovah Ra'ah – The Lord is my Shepherd


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 **Psalm 23**

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

He guides me in person and ensures that I settle down in green pastures, and, after a time of rest (chewing of the cud), He leads me to still water.

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 **Psalm 23**

3 He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.


The result of the Shepherd's leadership is a restored soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness and thereby gains glory. He leads in paths of righteousness and nowhere else.

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 **Ways God Guides**


Method	Means
✓ Inner Witness	The Holy Spirit speaks directly to the believer's spirit
✓ Written Word of God	Revelation through the written Word
✓ Spoken Word of God	Revelation thru preaching, dreams, vision or prophecy
Signs	God arranges a specific physical sign as direction
Divine Messenger	Angel or Christ Himself
Audible Voice of God	God speaks in an audible voice

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 **Not Knowing Where He was Going**


Faith doesn't need to know every step, just the next step.

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 **Psalm 23**


4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

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 **Psalm 23**


6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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 **Faith to Build**

1. Be Kingdom-minded
2. Be aware of ambition, pride, prejudice
3. Let God be in control
4. Difference between zeal for God and zeal for self

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 **Adopted**

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