

# **The Journey of Faith: Trusting the God Who Calls You Into the Unknown**

Faith is one of those words we use so often in Christian circles that it can start to lose its weight. We talk about having faith, keeping faith, standing in faith. But what does it actually mean to live a life of genuine, active, transformative faith? And more importantly, what does it look like when God calls us to step into something we cannot fully see?

The life of Abraham offers one of the most compelling and honest portraits of faith in all of Scripture. His story is not a polished highlight reel of spiritual victories. It is a raw, multi-decade journey of trusting a God who rarely revealed the full picture before asking for complete obedience. And in that tension, there is something profoundly relevant for every one of us today.

## **Faith Is Not Just Believing God Can. It Is Trusting Who God Is!**

There is a subtle but significant difference between believing that God is capable of doing something and actually trusting the person of God enough to follow wherever He leads. Faith is not a transaction where we present our needs and wait for results. It is a relationship built on the conviction that God Himself, the creator of all things, the one who never changes, the one who is patient and faithful and sovereign, is worthy of our complete trust.

Hebrews 11:6 anchors this truth, reminding us that drawing near to God requires believing not just in what He does, but in who He is. Our faith is in the Provider, the Healer, the Faithful One. The miracles and the answered prayers are not the object of our faith. They are the byproduct of walking closely with the God who fulfills them.

## **Step One: Faith Steps Into the Unknown**

When God called Abram in Genesis 12, He did not hand him a roadmap. He gave him a direction and a promise, and He asked for obedience BEFORE any of the details were filled in. For Abram, this was not simply a change of address. It meant leaving behind his family, his culture, his inheritance, his future as he had understood it. Everything familiar had to be released.

Hebrews 11:8 tells us that Abraham obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. That is the essence of faith. It is not recklessness. It is a settled confidence that the God who calls is trustworthy enough to lead, even when the destination is unclear.

The invitation for us is the same. God may not be asking you to cross an ocean, though He might be. But He is almost certainly asking you to step out of something comfortable, something familiar, something you have built your spiritual routine around, and to trust Him into something greater. The question worth sitting with is this: what is the next step God is asking you to take, and have you been standing still because you cannot yet see where your foot will land?

## **Step Two: Faith Holds On to God's Promises**

Years passed between God's promise to Abraham and its fulfillment. Years of waiting, wondering, and at times wavering. And yet Romans 4:20 describes Abraham as one who did not waver through unbelief but was strengthened in his faith, fully persuaded that God had the power to do what He had promised.

Patience is not passive. It is one of the most active and demanding expressions of faith. Holding on to what God has spoken when circumstances seem to contradict it, when time has stretched longer than expected, when doubt begins to whisper that perhaps you misheard, that is where faith is refined.

God does not forget His promises! A delay is not a denial. If God has spoken something into your life, over your marriage, into your calling, those words do not expire. They are worth returning to, dusting off, and holding before Him again with fresh faith and expectation.

## **Step Three: Faith Can Have Failures Along the Way**

Abraham's journey was not a straight line. He lied out of fear. He doubted. He and Sarah tried to accomplish God's promise through their own effort, a decision recorded in Genesis 16 that set in motion generations of brokenness. And yet God did not abandon His covenant. He did not revoke His promise. He redeemed the journey.

This is critical for anyone who feels they have somehow disqualified themselves from what God originally called them to. Romans 8:28 reminds

us that God works all things together for the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purpose. A failure in your journey of faith does not have to become the end of your journey of faith. The gifts and callings of God are irrevocable. He can redeem every detour, every mistake, every moment of self-reliance that went sideways, and weave it into something that still accomplishes His purposes as we turn back to Him in faith.

## **Step Four: Faith Lives for a Future Beyond Your Generation**

Perhaps the most expansive truth in Abraham's story is this: he died without seeing the fullness of what God had promised. Hebrews 11:9-12 tells us he lived as a stranger in a foreign land, looking forward to a city whose architect and builder is God. He was not building for himself. He was walking into a promise that would outlive him by generations.

We are, in a very real sense, the fulfillment of what God promised Abraham. The blessing that was to flow through him to all the nations of the earth has reached us. And now the question turns: what will flow through our obedience to the generations that come after us?

Faith asks a bigger question than *what God will do for me*. It asks *what God can begin through my obedience that will outlive me entirely*.

## **The Invitation**

The journey of faith is not a single dramatic moment. It is a daily, sometimes costly, always worthwhile choice to trust the God who calls us,

holds us, redeems us, and is building something through us that is far larger than any one lifetime.

What promise has God spoken over your life that you have set aside?

What step have you been hesitating to take?

What might God begin through your 'yes' that your children's children will inherit?

The God who called Abraham is the same God calling you. And He has never once failed to be faithful to those who trust Him.