

D E V O T I O N

...his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God.

Romans 4:20, NLT

Believing By Faith!

“Why can’t I have strong faith like Abraham?”

If you’ve never spoken those words before, chances are pretty good you’ve at least thought about it at some time or another. It’s not unusual to question the size of your own faith when you read dramatic and powerful accounts in the Bible of such faith people as Abraham. It’s also not unusual to question your own faith when trouble comes and you can’t seem to pray your way through.

You know God’s Word works, but despite your prayers, nothing seems to be happening. The obvious answer, you convince yourself, is that if it’s not God then the problem must be with you. You don’t have the faith to believe.

That’s not necessarily the case.

The Bible says in Romans 12:3 that God has given every man the same amount of faith. In other words, we all have faith. It’s how we use that faith determines how and whether it works for us.

In Abraham’s case, he looked at his natural physical state and realized that, at 100 years of age, it was impossible for him to father a child with his wife, Sarah. But because God had told Abraham that he and his wife would have a child, that changed everything for Abraham. God’s Word carried a whole lot more weight than what Abraham saw in the natural. And because of his faith in God, what appeared impossible on the surface suddenly seemed impossible to him—by faith!

Romans 4:19-22 says, “And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about a hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah’s womb: He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.”

Abraham put aside what things looked like in the natural, and looked to God. He used his faith to believe what God said would happen. The result was that Sarah gave birth to Isaac. Abraham did not have to see God in the flesh to believe what He had promised would come to pass. He had God’s Word, and that was enough. Abraham’s faith honored God, and it blessed him and Sarah.

God gave everyone “the measure of faith” (Romans 12:3). That means you have just as much faith as Abraham had. And, just like Abraham, you can measure to what degree your faith works for you by how you use it.

Thank God for His Word that causes faith to operate in your life.



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