

The Gospel of God

One Key Question

⇒ _____ ... Is Your _____ Of _____?

message notes

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Abraham: The Case Study

Romans 4:18-25

Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness. (Genesis 15:6)

Abram fell facedown, and God said to him... (Genesis 17:3)

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Faith 101

1) _____ ... Is _____.

2) _____ ... Is _____.

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. (Romans 4:19)

3) _____ ...

The _____ Of _____.

4) _____ ...

_____ It Is _____.

He did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God. (Romans 4:20)

Some time later God tested Abraham. (Genesis 22:1)

He said to his servants, “Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you.” (Genesis 22:5)

We rightly think of Abraham as our ancestor in faith, but his faith began small, just like all of ours. The faith necessary for God to count him righteous (Gen 15:6) was much less than the extraordinary faith demonstrated when he offered up Isaac years later (22:3). Abraham’s faith, like ours grew over the years. It was not something that he worked up by the strength of his will or by fertile imagination; it grew in response to witnessing God’s faithfulness over the years. He learned increasingly more deeply that God can be trusted, and he learned this because he had a relationship with God, where God spoke clearly and Abraham obeyed fully. (Craig Keener, *Abram's Growing Faith—Genesis 15–16*. craigkeener.com.)