

Believing God

Progress of
Faith: Abraham
Message 5

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► Outline

Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory He will reveal to us later.
Romans 8:18 (NLT)

A. Introduction

(Romans 8:18. C/R: Romans 5:3-5; 1 Peter 5:10)

Our faith deepens as we learn to _____ God
through trials and _____.

B. My faith deepens as I learn to trust God by living in...

1. The expectation of being _____.
(Hebrews 11:8-9. C/R: Genesis 12:1; Hebrews 13:8; Revelation 1:8)

2. The hope of _____ anticipation.
(Hebrews 11:10,13-16. C/R: Genesis 12:2-7; John 8:56; James 1:2-3)

3. The truth of God's _____.
(Hebrews 11:17-19. C/R: Genesis 22:2; Isaiah 43:2; Matthew 24:35; Revelation 21:1-4)

Answers: A. trust, hardship B1. uprooted 2. patient 3. promises

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► Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to study the Bible and pursue a deeper relationship with God.

Begin with Prayer

Pause a moment to quiet your heart and mind. Ask God to help you experience His love and hear His voice as you reflect on this week's lesson.

Conversation Starter

What's one thing you remember about your house or the neighborhood where you grew up?

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [Genesis 12:1-9](#) and [Hebrews 11:8-10; 13-19](#).

1. What questions does the story of Abraham raise for you?
2. What did God ask of Abraham?
3. What did God promise Abraham?
4. What do you think it was like for Abraham to follow God's plan?
5. When we hold on to things so tightly (our possessions, our plans, our resources, etc.), we often miss out on God's blessings. What is God asking you to let go of?
6. God promised to bless the nations through Abraham. How does it feel to know that God has fulfilled His promise to billions of people all over the world for centuries since the time of Abraham?

7. How is Jesus the fulfillment of God's promises to Abraham?
8. The story of Abraham reminds us that this world is not our home, that our citizenship is in heaven ([Philippians 3:20](#); [Hebrews 11:9-10](#); [13:14](#)). What's one way this idea will change how you think and live this week?
9. God's promises often look impossible to us. What would you love God to do in your life, or in the lives of people around you, that seems impossible? *Don't give up praying!* Keep asking God to work.

Soul Training

Write out this week's memory verse. After writing it, go back and read it slowly. Which words or phrases stand out to you? Why are those important? Take a few moments and wait quietly for God to speak.

Memory Verse

I hear a loud shout from the throne, saying, "Look, God's home is now among His people! He will live with them, and they will be His people. God Himself will be with them. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever."

[Revelation 21:3-4 \(NLT\)](#)

Daily Reading

- Day 1: [Romans 8:18-25](#) Day 4: [Philippians 3:17-21](#)
Day 2: [Hebrews 13:8-14](#) Day 5: [Psalm 147:1-11](#)
Day 3: [Joel 2:21-32](#)

Prepare for Next Sunday

Sunday, July 26, we'll continue the series *Believing God*, by taking a closer look at the life **Sarah**. To prepare, read [Genesis 17:15-16](#); [Romans 9:6-9](#); [Hebrews 11:11-12](#).



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