

Faith and the Word**WARM-UP**

- Do you consider yourself a go-getter? Why or why not?
- How would you define the word “trust”?
- Have you ever waited for a person to fulfill their promise to you? Tell us what happened.

WORD

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. HEBREWS 11:1

(Read also **GENESIS 12:1-4.**)

God called Abraham and told him His promises and plans for his life. Although Abraham did not yet fully know God, he obeyed by faith. The Word and command of God is the basis of our faith because we know that He who gave the word is faithful. Today, we will look at three truths about faith and the Word of God.

1 Faith comes by hearing the Word.

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. **ROMANS 10:17**

The starting point of faith is receiving the Word of God. Because God's Word is the basis of our faith, we must keep on communicating with Him by reading His Word and praying to Him constantly and consistently. Like Abraham, we must be ready to receive a word from God. How has your sensitivity to the voice of God increased as you matured in the faith?

2 Faith is proven by obeying the Word.

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

GENESIS 12:4

Abraham proved his faith in God when he went *as the Lord had told him*, not knowing where he was going. We prove our faith as we obey the commands of God. Is there a command from God that He is calling you to obey?

3 Faith in His Word brings blessings.

*¹³For when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself, ¹⁴saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." ¹⁵And thus Abraham, having patiently waited, obtained the promise. **HEBREWS 6:13-15***

Abraham did not know what would become of his life after following God and believing His promises. But he chose to respond in faith, obeyed God's command, and patiently waited. Because of this, God showed His faithfulness by fulfilling His promise of blessing to Abraham. Recall a time when God blessed you after you stepped out in faith. What happened?

APPLICATION

- Do you have a habit of receiving from God's Word intentionally every day? Commit to read and meditate on the Word at a specific time and place every day.
- Is there a command that God is asking you to obey or a promise that God is asking you to claim? How can you grow in your relationship with God as you respond in faith this week?
- Do you have a family member or friend who needs faith to believe in and receive the blessings of God? How can you encourage him or her with what you have learned today?

