

How to Believe God for the Impossible!

A practical look at Romans 4:17-25

Introduction:

Hebrews 11:6: And without faith it is impossible to please Him,

Romans 14:23 ...whatever is not from faith is sin.

Matthew 17:20 "Because of the littleness of your faith; for truly I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you shall say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there, and it shall move; and nothing shall be impossible to you.

What is **faith**? A choice of wholehearted _____ upon Jesus

Romans 4:17 (as it is written, "A father of many nations have I made you") in the sight of Him whom he believed, even God, who gives life to the dead and calls into being that which does not exist.

#1. The _____ of faith through the _____ of faith Genesis 12-22.

Genesis 12:1 Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go forth from your country and from your relatives and from your father's house, to the land which I will show you; 2 And I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and so you shall be a blessing; 3 And I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.

1st. A D _____.

John 14:12 Truly truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do...

2nd. D _____.

Genesis 12:4 So Abram went forth as the Lord had spoken to him; and Lot went with him. Now Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

3rd. D _____.

Genesis 15:1 After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not fear, Abram, I am a shield to you; Your reward shall be very great." 2 And Abram said, "O Lord God, what wilt Thou give me, since I am childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" 3 And Abram said, "Since Thou hast given no offspring to me, one born in my house is my heir." 4 Then behold, the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "This man will not be your heir; but one who shall come forth from your own body, he shall be your heir." 5 And He took him outside and said, "Now look toward the heavens, and count the stars, if you are able to count them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be." 6 Then he believed in the Lord; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.

3 typical reactions

1. We **d** _____ *Gen. 15:8 how may I know that I shall possess it?"*
2. We **d** _____
3. We **d** _____

4th. D _____.

Genesis 17:3 And Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying, 4 As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. 5 No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I will make you the father of a multitude of nations

5th. D end

Genesis 21:1 Then the Lord took note of Sarah as He had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as He had promised. 2 So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the appointed time of which God had spoken to him. 3 And Abe called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore to him, Isaac

Genesis 22:1 Now it came about after these things, that God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." 2 And He said, "Take now your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah; and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I will tell you."

3 So Abe rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and Isaac his son; and he split wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. 4 On the third day Abe raised his eyes and saw the place from a distance. 5 And Abe said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey, and I and the lad will go younger; and we will worship and return to you."

7 My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." And he said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" 8 And Abraham said, "God will provide for Himself the lamb for the burnt offering, my son."

9 Then they came to the place of which God had told him; and Abe built an alter there, and arranged the wood, and bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the alter on top of the wood. 10 And Abe stretched out his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. 11 But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." 12 And he said, "Do not stretch out your hand against the lad, and do nothing to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.

Hebrews 11:17 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac; and he who had received the promises was offering up his only begotten son; 18 it was he to whom it was said: In Isaac your descendants shall be called. 19 He considered that God is able to raise men even from the dead; from which he also received him back as a type.

6th. D.

Genesis 22:13 Then Abraham raised his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him a ram caught in the thicket by his horns; and Abe went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the place of his son. 14 And Abraham called the name of the place The Lord Will Provide, as it is said to this day, "In the mount of the Lord it will be provided.

Moses

Joseph

Jesus

*Our God specializes in turning **crucifixions** into _____.*

#2. The _____ of faith from the _____ of faith

Romans 4:20 yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief, but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God

*17 as it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations" He is our father in the sight of God **in whom** he believed*

1st. Put your _____ in God _____.

Hebrews 6:13 for when God made the promise to Abe, since He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, 14 saying, "I will surely bless you and I will surely multiply you."

15 And thus, having patiently waited, he obtained the promise.

18 ...it is impossible for God to lie...

2nd. _____ your hope on God's .

18 In hope against hope he believed, in order that he might become a father of many nations, according to that which had been spoken, "So shall your descendants be."

Romans 10:17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

3rd. Look _____ your _____.

19 And without becoming weak in faith he contemplated his own body, now as good as dead since he was about a hundred years old, and the deadness of Sarah's womb;

[] Peter walked on water

4th. Give all the _____ to God.

20 yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief, but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God. 21 and being fully assured that what He had promised, He was able also to perform.

I John 5:10 NIV, Anyone who does not believe God has made him out to be a liar.

Why we must have faith in a God who can do the impossible?

Matthew 19:26. With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible

22 Therefore also it was reckoned to him as righteousness. 23 Now not for his sake only was it written, that it was reckoned to him, 24 but for our sake also, to whom it will be reckoned, as those who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, 25 He who was delivered up because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification.

Conclusion: God _____ do it!