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Faith For The Future

(Part 7 of a 8 part series)

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INTRODUCTION

In a world brimming with uncertainty and challenges, faith becomes our anchor and guide. Throughout this series, we will explore the profound impact of understanding what faith is, why it is important and how we can operate in it. Drawing inspiration from scripture and the powerful biblical stories, personal testimonies, and practical teachings, together, we will delve into what it means to possess unwavering faith, how to cultivate it in the face of adversity, and the extraordinary outcomes that faith can bring.

Join us as we embark on this spiritual journey, deepening our trust in God's promises and discovering the boundless possibilities that arise when we declare, "I have faith for this."

We believe this series will:

- Equip our church to live lives of great faith.
 - Teach our church how faith is the currency of the Kingdom of God.
 - Empower people to activate faith in their lives.
 - Challenge people to live expectant for the blessing, favour and power of Jesus in every area of their lives.
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KEY VERSE

Romans 4:20-21 (NIV): "Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised."

DISCOVERY

In this passage, Paul highlights Abraham's unwavering faith in God's promise to give him a son, despite his and Sarah's old age. These were seemingly impossible circumstances. Abraham did not allow unbelief to weaken his faith; instead, he was strengthened by it and gave glory to God. He was fully convinced that God had the power to fulfill His promises. This example teaches us that true faith holds firm, even when circumstances seem impossible, because it trusts in God's power and faithfulness. **We must trust God with our futures, believing that He is fully capable of fulfilling His promises to us.** As we explore these verses together, we will learn how to cultivate a faith that remains strong in the face of uncertainty and challenges.

DISCUSSION

Starting Question:

*Think about a time when you believed for something for your future, maybe some hopes or dreams, but they did not come to pass. Share about that time. Did it build your faith? **YES / NO - discuss.***

Exploring Questions:

Q1: Romans 4:20-21 (NIV): "Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised."

Abraham's faith in God's promise gave him the strength to trust in the future despite his current circumstances. Similarly, God's promises to us **provide hope and confidence as we face the unknown.**

When you think about the future, what are some promises from God that give you hope and confidence? Perhaps share a scripture that you hold on to.

Q2: Hebrews 11:1 (NIV): "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."

James 1:2-4 (NIV): "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."

Numbers 23:19 (ESV): "God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?"

Strengthening our faith involves trusting in **God's character and promises**, even when we cannot see the outcome. Trials and challenges can serve to deepen our faith, producing perseverance and maturity.

Trusting God with our futures can be difficult, especially when we might have been let down by man. How can we strengthen our faith when we face situations that seem impossible?

Q3: Psalm 37:5-7 (NIV): "Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun. Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him."

Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV): "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

We can give glory to God through our worship, prayer, and thanksgiving, trusting Him in every situation. By committing our ways to the Lord and waiting patiently, **we demonstrate our faith and honor God.**

What are some practical ways we can give glory to God while waiting for His promises to be fulfilled?

Action Question:

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV): "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

Trusting God with our future involves surrendering our plans and relying on His guidance. By actively seeking His will and submitting to His ways, we can cultivate a deeper faith and confidence in His plans for us.

What is one area of your future that you need to trust God with more fully, and how can you actively cultivate faith in that area this week?

DEVOTION

Abraham's unwavering faith in God's promises serves as a powerful example for us today. His confidence in God's power to fulfill His promises, despite impossible circumstances, reminds us to trust God with our futures. As we face uncertainties and challenges, let us be strengthened in our faith and give glory to God, knowing that He is faithful and able to do what He has promised.

Take a moment to reflect on an area of your future where you need to trust God more fully.

Write down a specific promise from God's Word that relates to this area and commit to meditating on it daily.

Share your commitment with the group and pray for one another, asking God to strengthen your faith and help you trust Him with your future.