

They are examples of three ways we struggle to believe

1. **Eliezar** – We settle for less – he lives in my house
and is like a son to me, he will be my heir
2. **Ishmael** – I will get it myself – I will produce a child
through my wife’s maid servant
3. **Isaac** – I will trust God – God did a miracle
and Sarah produced a child

When was the last time that you saw something done in your life and you know it had to be God who did it?

Often times after success comes sacrifice. It is not receiving the promise that is an act of faith but trusting God with the promise that is an act of faith.

Is there any area in your life that you do not trust God?

Where do you need to step out in faith?
Where is it you need to stay by faith?
Where do you need to thank God for the success?
Where is He telling you that you need to sacrifice?

How Has Your Faith Grown in the last 50 Days?

Other thoughts

Close in prayer:
Open prayer, silence or aloud.

HOW TO KEEP ON BELIEVING STUDY GUIDE WEEK 8

Welcome and Open in Prayer

Introductions –

Review Key Elements to “50 Days of Faith”

1. Sunday Services – Sermons
2. Weekly Memory Verses
3. Daily Devotional Guide
4. Weekly Small Groups
5. “How My Faith Has Grown” Form

Review Sunday’s Message

Abraham

Romans 4:13-25

What was said that helped you understand faith better from Sunday’s service?

What was important or spoke to you?

Memory Verses

Week 1

“Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to God must first believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him.”

Hebrews 11:6

Week 2

“God is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power at work within us.”

Ephesians 3:20

Week 3

“I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.”

Philippians 4:13

Week 4

“So always give yourself fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.”

1 Corinthians 15:58

Week 5

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

Galatians 6:9

Week 6

“My God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:19

Week 7

“Walk in all the way that the Lord your God has commanded you, so that you may live and prosper and prolong your days.”

Deuteronomy 5:33

Week 8

“With God all things are possible.”

Matthew 19:26

“The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.”

Galatians 5:6

Abraham

Why do we call Abraham the father of our faith? How did Abraham develop a sacrificial faith?

Read Hebrews 11:8-12; 17-19

What did Abraham do by faith?

Share a time when you stepped out and did something that God has called you to do without all the facts being in place?

Share a time when you obeyed God but had difficulties along the way.

Abraham had three boys he considered his heirs;

Eliezar – Genesis 15:2-6

Ishmael – Genesis 16:1-2

Isaac – Genesis 21:1-3,5-6