How “Now Faith” Responds To God’s Promises

Abraham’s Steps Of Faith

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Now Faith Is Here And Now Present

- It Is The Faith That Says
- If God Says It -- I Believe It!
- If God Commands It -- I Will Do It!

Having A “Now Faith” Is Crucial Regarding How We Respond To God’s Promises And His Call
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Now Faith Asks How Real Is Your Life In Christ?

- *Is It Real Or A Charade?*
- *Do You Believe Or Not?*
- *Will You Stand Or Will You Fall?*
- *Are God's Promises And Plans For Your Life True Or False?*
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Abraham Took Tremendous Steps Of Faith In His Life

▪️ These Are Truths We Can Learn And Live By Regarding God’s Promises
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Hebrews 11:8-10 (NIV) (8) By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. (9) By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. (10) For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.
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Hebrews 11:1 (NIV) (1) Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

- The Dictionary Definition Of Faith Is: "Belief -- Without Evidence"

- The Biblical Perspective Of Faith Is “Knowing Without Evidence”
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*Faith Is The Key To The Christian Life*

- Eph 2:8,9  *We Are Saved By Faith*
- 2 Cor 5:7  *We Walk By Faith*
- Heb 11:6  *Without Faith It Is Impossible To Please God*
- Rom 14:23  *Whatever Is Apart From Faith Is Sin*
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WHAT IS FAITH? Faith is the confidence that God's Word is true and the conviction that acting upon it will bring God's blessing.

- We cannot walk, crawl, move, or go on without faith. Faith is absolutely essential!
- It is the gasoline in the automobile -- without it you aren't going anywhere.
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Abraham’s “Now Faith” Is About: Obeying And Going:

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- Abraham's Faith Was Seen And Evidenced As A Result Of His Acting In Obedience To God -- He Went
- “Now Faith” Is Not Merely Declaring Our Intentions To Go -- It Is Making The Corresponding Actions And Going
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"Faith Is A Decision -- Not A Direction"

- Abraham Followed God's Leading Even Though He Did Not Know Where He Was Going
- True Faith Is A Decision Based On A Consideration Not Of Where Or Why God Is Sending Me --But Of Who God Is
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FAITH IS: A Decision Of Commitment That Says: "No Matter Where You Take Me God -- I Am Going To Follow You"

- Our Faith If It Is Genuine -- Cannot Be Situational Faith

- "Here I Am Lord -- Send Me."
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True Faith Moves Us Towards The Promise

Abraham’s Obedience To God Moved Him Towards The Promise -- His Faith Helped Him To Receive The Promise

Hebrews 11:9 (NIV) (9) By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise
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Abraham Moved Towards The Promise-- He Set Up For The Promise
He Did What He Could Do -- He Let God Do The Rest

- If You Want That Promise -- You Have To Set Up For It

- True Faith = Not Only In What You Say But In What You Do
- Real Faith Motivates Us To Set Up And Get Ready For The Promises Of God To Become Reality In Our Lives
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True Faith Lives Beyond The Temporary And Lives For Eternity;

Hebrews 11:10 (NIV) (10) For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

▪️It Was Not The Physical But The Spiritual Promise That Abraham Received

▪️Our Blessing Is First And Foremost A Spiritual Blessing
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True Faith Understands The Significance Of Living For Eternity

▪ “Building Our Lives On Things That Will Last”

Hebrews 12:1-2 (NIV) (1) Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. (2) Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

▪ True Faith Lives For Eternity.

▪ By Faith Abraham Lived With Eternity In Mind