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Well, if you happen to buy. Blessing it's been to have them reaching out and watching. So again, Genesis chapter 12.

We're going to look at verse 1. And if you found your place, if you can stand, if you're able to, please stand for the reverence of God's word. And here in Genesis chapter 12, beginning in verse 1, the Bible says, Now the Lord has said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee. And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great, and thou shalt be a blessing.

And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse them that curseth thee. And in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed. So Abraham, I mean, I'm sorry.

So Abram departed from the Lord, as the Lord had spoken unto him, and Lot went with him. And Abram was 75 years old when he departed out of Haran. And Abram took Sari, his wife, and Lot, his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran.

And they went forth to go into the land of Canaan, and into the land of Canaan they came. Let's pray. Father, we thank you.

We thank you for your word. And, Father, we thank you for the testimony of Abram, who is called Abraham. And, Father, I ask you now, as we look into Abraham's life, when we look at Abraham's step of faith, Father, may we look at our own lives and see if we have that same genuine faith that Abraham has.

So, Father, help us as we look into your word. In Jesus' precious name, amen. Well, you can be seated at this time.

And here we find Abram, who later on in Genesis, his name was changed to Abraham. And Sari also, her name was changed to Sarah. And as today, we look and we realize that Abraham is the father of faith, the father of faith.

And we can find here why he's called the father of faith. You know, there's so many people that believe in God, and they think just them saying, okay, I believe in God, I'm good, is further than that. And we're going to see this in the life of Abraham.

Faith is not merely agreeing with facts about God, it's far deeper. You know, the Bible says that even the demons believe in God and shut up. So it's not that kind of faith, it's not that kind of belief, it's a deeper belief than that.

The Scripture calls us to something far deeper, a genuine faith. And Abraham stands as one of Scripture's clearest examples of what genuine faith looks like. And that's why I believe that he's been called the father of faith.

So if you're in your Bibles, turn to the New Testament, the New Testament, and Romans, Romans chapter 4, and look what it says about Abraham. Romans chapter 4, and we're going to be looking from verse 3, Romans chapter 4, verse 3, and I'm going to read a few verses of Scripture here. But beginning in verse 3, it says, For what saith the Scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. What does that mean? That means if you're working for your faith, then that means that you're trying to pay a debt. And that's not what the Scriptures say here.

Verse 5 says, But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth, the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. So it's not working. It's not being a good person.

It's not doing religious things. It's believing. And this is the key.

What type of believing do you have? Is it the believing like the demons who believe in God and shudder? No. It's deeper than that. And in verse 6, it says, Even as David also described the blessedness of the man unto whom God imputed righteousness without works, saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven and whose sins are covered.

Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin. Cometh this blessedness then upon the circumcision only or upon the uncircumcision also? He says, Does this blessing come just on the Jew, the circumcision, or does it come on to the Jew and the Gentile? And then he says, For we say that faith was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness. How was it then reckoned? When he was in circumcision or in uncircumcision? Not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision.

That he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised, that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised, that righteousness might be imputed unto them also, and the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, which he had been yet uncircumcised. What is that saying? God had said that it was his believing that God imputed righteousness upon him, not because of anything he did. And that scripture says this was before he was circumcised.

I know a lot of Jews believe that because of their circumcision there's something special there. But not today. That circumcision was what? It was to show a seal to the Jew that they have what? The promises of God.

So as we see, it's amazing when you read the scriptures because so many people think it's by works, but it's by belief. So how did Abraham develop such a confident trust in God? And how can we cultivate the same kind of faith, that saving faith? I like to call it that genuine faith that God sees in your heart. Well, first of all, if you turn back to Genesis chapter 12, we see in Genesis chapter 12, Abraham, he's called Abram here, but I'm going to be calling him Abraham.

So in Genesis chapter 12, again in verse 1 through 4, we see now the Lord has said unto Abram, get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee, and I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and I will make thy name great, and thou shalt be a blessing. And I will bless them that bless thee, and I will curse them that curseth thee.

And in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

Now why is that? Because of the Messiah Jesus, the one that would come through the line of David. In verse 4, he says, So Abraham departed as the Lord had spoken unto him, and Lot went with him. And Abram was 75 years old when he departed out of Haran.

He was 75 years old. So number one, he lived by promises, not by commands. God gave Abram one simple command.

You know what that command was? Leave. That was it. And in return, God promised to do wonderful things for Abraham.

But obedience was required that Abraham leave his country, leave his people, leave his relatives, and what I like to say, his comfort zone. And that's where God always works. People who walk by faith often hear God's quiet voice saying, It's time to move on.

It's time to leave the familiar. I like to say it's time to get into the deeper waters. Amen? Faith always requires movement.

I like to say it's an action word. Right? And that's why if someone says, Well, I have faith, and that faith doesn't amount to much. What kind of faith is it? And here we see what? We see Abraham.

He moved by faith. God promised him. And he lived by God's promises.

Promises, excuse me. And I like what it says in Hebrews chapter 11, verse 6. Hebrews chapter 11, verse 6 says this, But without faith it is impossible to please him. Did you get that? Without faith it's impossible to please God.

And it says, For he that cometh to God must believe that he is, And that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. Isn't that amazing? So how do you please God? It's not by being a good person or doing religious things. It's by what? Believing and having faith.

Isn't that amazing when you think of it? Your faith, your faith is what pleases God. Unbelief is not merely doubt. Think of this.

Unbelief is not merely doubt. It's a refusal to trust God. And it shuts the door of all his blessings.

Remember when the Israelites, when they were freed from Egypt, And they came to Kadesh Benara, I think that's how you pronounce it. But they came and they did not believe God. That God was ready to bring them into the wilderness.

And what happened? I mean in the promised land. What happened? They spent 40 years in the wilderness because of their unbelief. So it's very important.

We also see that in Matthew chapter 13, verse 58. We see where Jesus came to his own neighborhood, as I would call it. His own countrymen.

And if you read that, he came into the synagogue. And he began to preach and teach. And they looked at him and they went, is this not the carpenter's son? And are they not his brothers and sisters? Yes, his

half-brothers and sisters.

And then in Matthew chapter 13, verse 58, there's something very important. It says, and he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief. Can you imagine that? Here Jesus was willing as he came back into his own town where he grew up.

And now he's the Messiah. He's in his earthly ministry. And they look at him and they did not believe him.

And he could not do mighty works there because of their unbelief. Look that up. Matthew chapter 13, verse 58.

Amazing. So as we look at Abraham, Abraham left Haran with nothing but the promises of God. And those promises became the source of all his strength.

And they must become ours as well. When you read the word of God, you must pull out all the promises and hold on to them. And walk by faith.

Romans chapter 4, verse 3, concerning Abraham. And we had this as a scripture. Romans chapter 4, verse 3. The Bible says, for what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

And this is a direct quote from Genesis chapter 15, verse 6. It's a direct quote that the apostle Paul writing to the church of Roman. And he quotes that. Abraham believed God and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

Also in Romans chapter 1, verse 17. The Bible says, for therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith as it is written. The just shall live by faith.

What an amazing thing. The just shall live by faith. Turn with me to the book of Psalms.

Psalms chapter 37. And here in the book of Psalms, look what it says in verse 5. Psalm chapter 37, verse 5. The Bible says, commit thy way unto the Lord. Trust also in him and he shall bring it to pass.

You know what that tells me? When you see what's going on in the world, when you see what's going on in your own life and the situations you're in. And you have the word of God and in God's word, it tells you contrary to what's going on with your own eyes. Trust God in his word.

Amen. Because that is where truth is. And that's what we see with Abraham.

Abraham stepped out in faith because he believed God's promises more than he trusted in his own comfort. And today we see people doing the same thing today. They call missionaries.

They get a call in their heart by God and they leave everything behind, all their comfort zone. And they'll even go to a distant country, all with the word of God and the promises of God. And one of those promises, I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.

Amen. Secondly, as we look at Abraham's step of faith, we see that Abraham had no master plan. Turn back to Hebrews chapter 11.

And I love this portion of scripture in the New Testament. They call this the what? That's right. The faith chapter.

The hall of faith. Not the hall of fame. The hall of faith.

Amen. And here we find in Hebrews chapter 11, we can look at verse 8. And this is talking about Abraham. And the writer of the book of Hebrews says, by faith.

Isn't it amazing when you look at the hall of faith, chapter 11, everything is by faith. In verse 8, it says, by faith, Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive of an inheritance, obeyed. And he went out not knowing whither he went.

He was just going on the direction of God. He didn't know anything. Do you know today, sometimes God will stop and he'll put in your heart.

He'll say, okay, step out in faith here. But you look around and you're like a missionary. Say, okay, I got the call.

I feel that God's called me to Budapest. Budapest. Now, God says, okay, step out.

Now, a missionary, what would he do? He would try to get people on board. He would begin to get people to support him. And what did we hear? That if God calls, he'll provide.

And what happens? The missionary, he'll step out. He'll go into a country he has nothing to do with. He doesn't know anything about it.

He has to learn the language. And it's all by faith. He doesn't know where he's going.

He doesn't know what building he's going to have. He doesn't know who he's going to meet. He's just going by the call of God.

By faith. Just like Abraham. Abraham had no master plan.

God did not give Abraham a map. He gave him a promise. He did not give him details.

And many times when you're walking by faith, you don't have the details, amen? He gave him direction. You know, it's funny because my wife and I, you might not know, but I was called by God to go into the ministry. Listen, I was making far more money than I am now.

And God pulled me out of all my comfort zone. And God sent us here. We didn't know what God was going to do.

We didn't see anything in the future. I just was obedient to his call. And real faith obeys even when the path is unclear.

That's the key. A lot of people, they want all the details. They want all the directions.

They want everything. Let me know. But that's not how faith works.

God calls. And you respond, amen? Look what it says in Isaiah. Isaiah chapter 42.

Isaiah 42 Look what this scripture says Isaiah chapter 42 verse 16 And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not I will lead them in paths That they have not known I will make darkness light before them and crooked things straight These things will I do unto them And not forsake them What a blessing Amen You may be you may be here today and god's been dealing with you And god wants you to step out of faith In a particular way and you don't know what he's gonna do But i'm here to tell you you respond to him And move quickly And then he reveals it Amen Faith is content To step out without knowing where it's going as long as it knows who is going with them You're not alone When you step out in faith and you're trusting god, it's god that's going to reveal It's god that's going to do the impossible That's his job He just wants you to be obedient to his calling and his leading in your life Turn back to turn back to genesis Let's look at genesis For a minute And this is abraham again. This is much later genesis chapter 22 And I believe this is the greatest The greatest test of faith that we see In abraham And in genesis chapter 22, look what it says in verse one And it came to pass after these things that god did tempt abraham And said unto him abraham And he said behold here am I And he said take now thy son thy only son isaac Whom thou lovest And get thee into the land of moriah And offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell of thee And abraham rose up early in the morning And saddled his ass And took two of his young men with him And isaac his son And claimed the wood for the burnt offering and rose up and went unto the place Of which god had told him You see what's going on here As soon as god told him what did what did abraham do? He rose up early in the morning and he got prepared and he went now. We know what has happened here God was testing abraham's faith God says the son I gave you isaac abraham.

I want you To sacrifice him on the mountain of moriah Which we know is what? Jerusalem And can you imagine? Abraham was obedient And he was looking at his son And can you imagine he was willing? To sacrifice his son and we know what happened We know that as soon as soon as isaac was on that altar tied up Abraham rose that knife in the air and was ready to sacrifice his son And god stopped him And god says I now I know Now I know you have the faith And why was that? Do you realize now listen look at me? Do you realize that? abraham was confident to know That all the promises that god had blessed abraham with all the promises all the children All was in his promised son isaac And isaac was confident to know that if god was calling him to sacrifice his son as weird as that was to abraham He knew that his son would rise again Because it was all in the promises That god gave him in his son isaac Do you see it? Can you see it? That's pointing all the way back to the cross When jesus went to the cross to die for you and I But here abraham His greatest test of faith was he was willing to sacrifice his son Abraham obeyed immediately even when the command was costly faith always acts Faith always moves And faith always obeys the last point I have abraham saw with his spiritual eyes Turn back to hebrews. We're going to find in hebrews again hebrews chapter 11 Look what it says hebrews chapter 11 Listen isn't that how god works in your faith? It sounds kind of doesn't sound right I don't know if this is going to work out my my intellect is telling me that this is all wrong But god's saying do exactly what I tell you That's faith And here we come to hebrews chapter 11 Look what it says in verse 10 And this is abraham saw with his spiritual eyes in verse 10 it says for he looked For a city which had foundations whose builder and maker is god Isn't that amazing when you look at that? He saw with his spiritual eyes He saw that the god who gave him all these promises He saw the building the foundations Faith deals in the invisible realities of god It refuses to be ruled by physical senses or earthly calculations And this is what uh, my heart breaks because there's some There's some very brilliant people Who they they hold on to their brilliance their mind instead of acting with childlike faith Believe in god So many people So many people have rejected anything of god why because they can't believe it Instead of acting on what god says People without faith set their minds on earthly things But those who walk with god set their hearts on things above And when you begin to

walk by faith your mind is set on the things above And that's what colossians chapter 3 verse 2 says says set your affections on things above and not on the things of the earth You know my my My whole life right now is all centered on where i'm going this is just what This is just temporary And that all of us should look at that the earth is just temporary we have a permanent place we're going to Amen and abraham Like abraham we believe That we must pursue the things of christ in heaven until it shapes our very thoughts and desires and decisions And that is the key here When you walk by faith You're focused on what god has given you And the promises god has made you And sometimes you might even walk alone Because those around you won't Are not walking by faith They look at your life. They see a changed life.

They see a changed direction and they can't understand why And moses is another example Amen If you're still in hebrews chapter 11 Moses was Willingly gave up the treasures of egypt to follow god's promises Look at hebrews chapter 11 verse 24 Here we have another another hero of faith moses and in hebrews chapter 11 verse 24 The bible says by faith Moses when he was come to years refused to be called the son of pharaoh's daughter Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of god Than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season Esteeming the reproach of christ greater riches Than the treasures in egypt for he had respect unto the recompense Of the reward what does that mean? That means that he looked he saw the riches of heaven More than the riches of egypt And he was a man of great wisdom Moses is a prime example of a man who gave up all that the world had to offer him Think of that He was what we know this we know the story Moses parents put him in a in a little basket and put him in the nile river Because at that time all male jews were being killed at birth And who picked him up? Pharaoh's daughter found him in the weeds and brought him in the household of Pharaoh and nurtured him and raised him as an Egyptian. But yet Moses knew who he was. And that's why he chose rather to suffer afflictions with his people than to continue being a prince of Egypt.

It's amazing when we look at this. And that word, esteem, esteeming, means to consider carefully. He weighed the matter.

He weighed it in his heart. And he deliberately chose suffering with God's people over the pleasures of Egypt. And that is self-denying faith.

Amen. And this is the faith that God calls us to, a faith anchored in Christ, who became sin for us. When we believe that we're sinners and when we believe that there's nothing righteous in us, that we're sinners, listen, condemned before God, but yet God sent Christ to the cross to die for you and I. He shed blood.

And when we believe that testimony, that Jesus died, was buried, and rose again to justify all those who would come to him by faith, what an amazing thing. And that's faith, when you place your faith and trust in Jesus, not in how good you are, not in any religious things you've been in, not even in what denomination you're in. It's all about Jesus and what he's done.

That's why I like what it says in 2 Corinthians 5, verse 21. 2 Corinthians 5, verse 21, it shows you where your righteousness comes when you place your faith in Jesus. Because it says in 2 Corinthians 5, verse 21, it says, for he had made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin.

Yes, Jesus was made sin on that cross, one who knew no sin, but yet he was dying in our place. And it says, for he had made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. You know, when I stand before God, I don't stand before him with all my sin.

God looks at me. He doesn't look at my sin. You know what he looks at? He looks at the righteousness of Christ on me.

So when I place my faith in Jesus, Jesus said in John 14, 6, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man come unto the Father but by me. What he's saying is, if you believe what I've done for you, if you believe that you're a sinner condemned by God, but it was me that died for you, and you call upon me, he'll give us his righteousness.

So when the Father looks at me, when the Father looks at you, who have placed your faith and trust in Christ, he sees the righteousness of Christ upon you. Isn't that amazing? You know, there's some people who've done some bad sins in their life, and they walk around, they walk around, and they can't even forgive themselves. But yet, when they place their faith and trust in Christ, Christ forgives them.

Christ forgives them. And it's amazing when you think of this. People who are still walking around with a guilt, the guilt of their own hearts of what they do, because they've seen what they have done, but yet it was Christ that would forgive them of everything.

When John the Baptist saw Jesus, he said, Behold, the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world. How many sins? All of them. And it's to those who put their faith and trust in Jesus that it's applied to.

And this is the key, is that it's what I called right from the beginning, a genuine faith, that only God looks in your heart. I don't know whose faith has that genuine, but they know, God knows. And as we look, Abraham's step of faith was not a moment.

It was a lifestyle. It was a lifetime. Do you know how old Abraham was? He was 175 years old when he died.

Amen? Think of that. He lived by promises, not explanations. He followed God without a master plan.

Why? Because he was walking by faith. And he saw with his spiritual eyes. He saw the promises of God and believed them and was confident in them, even when his eyes were saying something different.

And God is calling you and I to the same kind of faith, a faith that moves when God speaks, a faith that trusts when the details are missing, and a faith that sees beyond this world to another world. God is looking for faith, not words. He's looking for the faith like Abraham had, a faith that would step out in obedience to him.

May we, like Abraham, take the next step of faith of which God is calling us to do. You know, when you look at the world and how messed up it is, God says, keep your eyes on me, and I'll bring you through every storm. I'll bring you through every problem, and I'll bring you to the shores of heaven if you would just give your heart to me.

What a blessing. Amen? Boy, we can learn a lot from Abraham. Let me just say this.

Abraham wasn't perfect. Amen? He wasn't perfect, but he had faith. He had faith.

Why don't we stand? Do you have that kind of faith? Is your Christianity just a Sunday Christianity? Or

do you live by faith every day? Do you follow the scriptures? Do you hold on to the promises of God? Has he changed you because of your faith? Father, I pray. I pray that you would use this message to speak to those who heard it in the way you would want them to hear it. And, Father, we thank you for the example of Abraham.

We thank you that his belief in you was the reason why he could walk in the righteousness that you've given him. And as we look at Hebrews 11.6, it says, it is impossible to please you without faith. Father, help us all to be obedient.

Help us to move quickly when you call us. Help us to look through spiritual eyes and not seeing what's going on in this world. Help us to have our confidence in you and your promises.

And, Father, as we walk through the untraveled paths, when we don't know what direction you're bringing us in, Father, may we always remember your word and your promise that you will never leave us nor forsake us. So, Lord, even when we feel alone, Father, help us to know that you are with us. In Jesus' name, amen.