

Faith factor

Factor #5 -- Know What to do When Plans Fall Through

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ABRAHAM'S EXAMPLE OF FAITH

Factor #1 -- _____

Genesis 12:1-3--(God said) I will make you into a great nation...

Factor #2 -- _____

Genesis 12:4--So Abram left, as the LORD had told him...

Factor #3 -- _____

Genesis 16:1--Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children...

Factor #4 -- _____

Genesis 17:18--How can a son be born to a man my age?

Factor #5 -- _____

Genesis 21:1-6; 22:1-12--Take your only son, whom you love, and sacrifice him...

Factor #6 -- _____

Genesis 22:12-14--(God said) Don't hurt the boy...I've provided a lamb...

Psalms 50:15[LB]--I want you to trust me during your times of trouble so that I can rescue you and you can give me glory.

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU REACH "DEAD END"

1. _____ what God can _____.

Romans 4:17[GN]--Abraham believed in God who brings the dead to life and whose command brings into being what did not exist.

Luke 18:27--Jesus replied, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

Quoted Scripture is from the New International Version unless otherwise noted.

2. _____ on what God has _____.

Romans 4:18[Ph]--When hope was dead within him, Abraham went on hoping in faith... He relied on the Word of God...

Hebrews 11:17[LB]--While God was testing him, Abraham still trusted in God and his promises, so he offered his son Isaac.

Romans 4:18[JB]--Though it seemed Abraham's hope could not be fulfilled... he did become the father of many nations, exactly as God had promised.

3. _____ the facts with _____.

Romans 4:19,20a--Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead...and that Sarah's womb was also dead. Yet he did not waver through unbelief...

2 Corinthians 4:18--So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

4. _____ God to _____.

Romans 4:20-21[LB]--But Abraham never doubted... he praised God for this blessing even before it happened. He was completely sure that God was able to do anything He promised.

FAITH IN ACTION

1. **Jesus** John 11:40-41--...Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me..."

2. **Paul** 2 Corinthians 1:9-10--...Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. He has delivered us ... he will deliver us...(and) we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us.

Small Group Discussion Questions

1. How have you faced "dead-ends" in the past?
2. Review the points and Bible verses from this lesson. What personal application can you make from this week's teaching?
3. How does God want you to handle "dead-ends" in the future?
4. Take some time right now to pray for the needs of those in your small group.