

Faith | Transformed

WEEK THREE | PASTOR BEN JOHNSTON

Genesis 12:1-4

- ◇ A lack of faith limits God's supernatural power in your life.
- ◇ The law of faith transcends every law of nature.

Faith is rooted in the Word of God

- ◇ Faith is our response to the Word of God. (Romans 10:17)
- ◇ Faith is not rooted in human will, desire or ambition. (Genesis 11:4)
- ◇ Faith is not rooted in human works. (Joshua 24:2, Romans 4:3-5)
- ◇ Faith is not rooted in feelings.
- ◇ Faith is not believing in spite of evidence. (Acts 7:2-3, 2 Corinthians 1:20)

Faith is acting on the Word of God.

- ◇ The requirement of faith is to obedience.
- ◇ Faith requires you to let go of control and let God direct.
- ◇ It's more about who you are becoming than where you end up.
- ◇ Faith isn't a state of mind—it's a course of action.
- ◇ Acting in faith activates the power of God in your life.
- ◇ God initiates the biggest changes in our lives through the smallest starts.

Faith is coming out to come in.

- ◇ The name Terah means, "delay."
- ◇ Haran means "parched, barren."
- ◇ When we delay in trusting God, we become dry and unfruitful.
- ◇ Your faith is not just seen by what you get out of but what you come into.

KNOW

QUOTE

Luke 7:6-9 (ESV)
 Hebrews 11:6 (ESV)
 Luke 7:10 (TLT)
 Genesis 12:1-4 (ESV)
 Mark 6:5 (ESV)
 James 2:22, 26 (ESV)
 Deuteronomy 6:23
 Acts 7:3
 Mark 11:24
 Ephesians 6:16
 1 John 5:4
 Heb. 11:9-11

TAKEAWAY

We have been justified by faith.
 Our faith is the victorious power that triumphs over the world (1 John 5:4).

Whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours (Mark 11:24).

In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one (Ephesians 6:16).

WARM-UP | Getting Started

What if you could start your life all over? What would you do differently?

GROW | Dive Deeper

1. Share one of God's promises that has sustained you in your faith journey.
2. Describe "partial obedience".
 - a. List some examples of partial obedience in the Scriptures
 - b. What were the results of that kind of obedience?
 - c. What steps can we take to follow in total obedience?
3. Describe what faith means to you.

GO | Apply

Pastor Ben mentioned the root source of our faith should be the word of God. Ever tried to have a conversation with God while reading the Bible?

- For example, find a quiet private location and select a chapter to read through (one full of the teachings of Jesus would be a suggestion).
- Read a few verses, then begin to ask God questions about what you just read: "Jesus, how can I apply this in my life?"; "Lord, I found what you said very interesting, but I'm confused. Please explain further."
- Continue to read, pause, and talk to God again. Do this for the entire chapter.
- As you speak with God, allow some time in silence just to listen - something may be revealed to you, an image may come to mind, a specific thought may be brought to attention. There's so many ways God will respond! Be ready to share your experience with others when you meet again.

