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Trusting God Amid Doubts

Introduction

What does it mean to truly walk by faith and not by sight? As Christians, this is our calling, yet the journey is often marked by doubt, waiting, and challenges. In this book, we'll explore the story of Abram in Genesis 15—a man whose faith wavered, but who ultimately trusted God's promises and witnessed His faithfulness. Like Abram, we too can navigate doubt and grow in our faith when we take small, obedient steps toward trusting God.

Chapter 1: The Promise of God

In Genesis 15, Abram found himself in a moment of doubt. He had already obeyed God's call to leave his homeland, and God had promised to make him the father of a great nation. Yet, years had passed, and Abram and his wife Sarai were still childless.

The chapter begins with God's reassurance:

“Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward” (Genesis 15:1).

Abram responds honestly: *“Lord, what can you give me, since I remain childless?”* (v. 2). Doubt was creeping in. It wasn't that Abram didn't believe God; he just couldn't see how the promise would unfold.

God doesn't chastise Abram for his questions. Instead, He reaffirms the promise:

“This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir” (v. 4). Then, God takes Abram outside and says, *“Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them... So shall your offspring be”* (v. 5).

Abram believed God, even though nothing in his circumstances had changed. His faith in God's promise was credited to him as righteousness (v. 6). This moment reminds us that faith doesn't require having all the answers. It requires believing that God does.

Chapter 2: The Doubt That Lingers

Faith doesn't mean we never doubt. Even after Abram's belief was credited to him as righteousness, he still struggled.

"Lord God, how can I know that I will gain possession of it?"
(v. 8).

Here's the comforting truth: doubt is not the enemy of faith—it's an opportunity for faith to grow. Without doubt, there's no need for faith. Abram's question reflects the tension we all experience: the gap between God's promises and our current reality.

God didn't abandon Abram in his doubt. Instead, He initiated a covenant—a solemn agreement. Abram was instructed to prepare animals for a traditional covenant ritual, where both parties would walk between the divided carcasses, symbolizing their commitment. But in an extraordinary act of grace, God alone passed through the pieces, signifying that His promise depended solely on His faithfulness, not Abram's.

God's response to doubt isn't condemnation—it's reaffirmation.

Chapter 3: Faith in Action

What does walking by faith look like in practice? Faith isn't just believing in God's promises—it's acting on them, even when circumstances seem impossible. Abram obeyed God by preparing the covenant ceremony, even while he was still waiting for the promise to be fulfilled.

Faith is taking the next step of obedience, no matter how small. Hebrews 11:1 reminds us:

"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."

Abram's journey shows us that faith doesn't require perfection. It requires persistence. We can trust God's promises, even when doubt whispers that it's too late, too hard, or too unlikely.

Chapter 4: The Fruit of Faith

Abram's faith journey culminated in the fulfillment of God's promise. Despite his and Sarai's advanced age, they had a son, Isaac—the beginning of a great nation as numerous as the stars. But Abram's faith had grown so much by that point that he was willing to trust God even when tested again.

Years later, God would ask Abram to sacrifice Isaac, the child of promise. Hebrews 11:19 tells us Abram obeyed because he believed God could raise the dead. This extraordinary faith didn't appear overnight—it was the result of trusting God, step by step, through doubts and delays.

The same is true for us. Faith grows when we act on God's promises, even when the outcome is unclear. Small steps of obedience today lead to deeper trust tomorrow.

Conclusion: Faith that Leads to Righteousness

Faith isn't about never doubting. It's about bringing our doubts to God and trusting Him to keep His promises. Romans 4:20-22 describes Abram's faith journey:

“He did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what He had promised. This is why it was credited to him as righteousness.”

Like Abram, we are justified by faith. Our righteousness comes not from our works but from trusting in Jesus Christ, who fulfilled God's ultimate promise through His death and resurrection.

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Faith starts small, like a mustard seed. As we take steps to trust God, our faith grows, our relationship with Him deepens, and we experience the joy of His promises fulfilled.

Reflection Questions

1. Are there areas in your life where you're struggling to trust God's promises?
 2. How can you take a small step of faith today, even in the face of doubt?
 3. What past examples of God's faithfulness can you recall to strengthen your faith now?
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Final Encouragement

Remember, walking by faith is a journey. It's not about having perfect trust but about taking one step at a time, trusting that God is faithful to His promises. May your faith grow as you trust Him, and may you come to know Him more deeply along the way.

