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FAITH VS. SIGHT

All of God's promises come to us by faith. A simple definition of faith is believing without seeing. The natural mind always wants to reason things out. We want to "know" things. We want proof of things. We want to see things. That isn't faith. Faith is something that grows. Each of us is given a "measure" of faith, but it is up to us to water it, so it grows.

Abraham is a great example. God had promised him an heir, but nothing happened. He and Sarah were old -- too old to have children in the natural. Their bodies had stopped being capable of reproduction. Yet, Abraham didn't give up. He trusted God to perform what He said He would perform. Yes, he had already had Ishmael, but that child was born out of a fleshly situation. He wasn't the promise. Did God hold good on his promise? Yes indeed, and Isaac was born.

If we could see things, then it wouldn't take any faith. We must use the eye of faith to believe when things do not look like they are going to happen. In Romans 4: 20 it says, speaking of Abraham, ***"He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform."*** In Romans 4:17 it says ***"As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations, before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth (makes alive) the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were."***

That is a statement of faith, "calling what is not" into being. You see my friends, Abraham trusted God. He believed that God could not lie. They had a covenant, and what belonged to God belonged to Abraham. It took great faith at age 100 to believe without seeing. Of course, along the way Sarah gave an alternate plan because her faith was not developed. She concocted the plan to have Hagar have a baby and raise it as her son. It never works when we try to do it differently than God plans.

What is it in your life that you are believing for? If you truly believe it is coming do not ever lose hope. You see In Romans 4:18 it says, ***"Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, 'so shall thy seed be.'"*** This was how Abraham received his son Isaac by faith.

Whatever it is you are believing for God has a scripture to back it up. Speak it over yourself. Call those things that are not as if they were, and do not doubt. Grab hold of the promise like a pit bull and don't let go. Then you are walking by faith and not by sight! Then you will see the promise materialize. Never give up! If your dream seems dead, believe the scripture that God will bring life to it!