



Sunday, August 5, 2018 | Speaker: Pastor Andrew Snavely

A QUIET COMMITMENT:

- QUIET your mind and soul before the LORD — *“Be still, and know that I am God”* (Psalm 46:10)
- COMMIT to obedience: *Commit* to doing whatever God will say to you in this message — *“to obey is better than sacrifice”* (1 Samuel 15:22)

Genesis 15:5-6 ⁵ And he brought him forth abroad, and said, “Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them:” and he said unto him, “So shall thy seed be.” ⁶ And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

Introduction:

- Problem: We are all tempted to _____ God’s promises.
- Solution: Because God _____ His promises, you must _____ in God.
- One clear example of faith in God: Abraham.

I. A Survey of Abraham’s Life

A. Stage 1: Abraham _____ God’s promises.

Genesis 12-15, Age _____

Hebrews 11:8 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

1. God's promise includes:
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 2. Commands and promises result in obedience.
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B. Stage 2: Abraham _____ God's promises.

Genesis 16, Age _____

1. Dilemma with _____
 2. Doubt results in manipulation
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C. Stage 3: Abraham _____ God's promises.

Genesis 17-21, Age _____

Hebrews 11:11-12 Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, *so many* as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable.

1. The promises are confirmed to both Abraham and Sarah.
2. Contrast: The folly and legacy of _____

D. Stage 4: Abraham _____ God's promises.

Genesis 22-25, Ages _____

Hebrews 11:17-19 By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten *son*, ¹⁸ of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: ¹⁹ accounting that God *was* able to raise *him* up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.

1. Test 1: The _____ of Isaac
 2. Test 2: A _____ for Isaac
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II. Themes from Abraham's Life

- A. Contrast with Others
 - 1. Lot – the _____
 - 2. Sarah – the _____ (at first)
 - 3. Hagar – the _____ (by humans)
- B. Obedience/Disobedience
 - 1. Obedience based on _____
 - 2. Disobedience based on _____
- C. Confidence in the promises of God

Romans 4:19-22 And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb: ²⁰ He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; ²¹ And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. ²² And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.

Hebrews 6:13-15 For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he swore by himself, ¹⁴ Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee. ¹⁵ And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.

III. Lessons from Abraham's Life

- A. You must _____ God's righteousness.
 - B. You must _____ God's promises.
 - C. You can be _____ in Abraham's blessing.
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The walk of faith is characterized by confidence in the promises of God and obedience to the commands of God. We know we truly trust God when we obey Him.

What is my next step? Please consider doing the questions on the back of this page.

What Is My Next Step?

Hearing — Giving *attention* to God's Word with the intent to obey it – James 1:21-25

Doing — Making *application* of God's Word to be more like Christ – Eph. 4:22-24

Date: _____ Text: _____ Speaker: _____

1. What did God show **me** that **I** must confess and forsake because it does not reflect Christ and hurts **my** relationship with Him and others? (**Put OFF SIN**)
2. What did God show **me** about Himself in this text? (**Renew your mind**)
 - a. What is He like?
 - b. What does He like?
 - c. What does He dislike?
3. What does God say to me in this text? (**Renew your mind**)
 - a. What command to obey?
 - b. What promise to claim?
 - c. What principle to apply (*If I do _____, then God will do _____*)?
 - d. What example to follow?
4. What verse(s) should **I** memorize and meditate upon through-out this week to help make **my** change lasting? (**Renew your mind**)
5. In light of what **I** have heard from God, ... (**Put ON CHRIST**)
 - a. What character quality of Jesus must **I** demonstrate *with God's help* this week?
 - b. In what situations will **I** most likely be tempted not to respond in a Christ-like way?
 - c. How can **I** get ready for those situations? (*If I don't have a plan for change, it probably won't happen.*)



OUR MISSION: Supremely love GOD,
Sacrificially love others
—ALL to the GLORY of GOD!