

From Here to Where?

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// Bible References

Hebrews 11:1; Matthew 19:26; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Genesis 15: 1-5, 16:1-6, 17:15-19, 18:9-15, 21:5-7

// Community Question

How does basing our faith on something that happened (Jesus keeping the promise He made on the cross by rising from the dead) change the way we view faith?

// Discussion Questions

1. Read Genesis 15:1-3 The conversation in this passage took place 10 years after Abram first followed God's promise and Abram is starting to feel he made a mistake. Have you ever felt God did not honor His promise? What was it? Could/can you relate to Abram?
2. Read Genesis 15:4-6 In this passage God made a promise, and Abram believed that God is the kind of God who will keep His promise even though, in the moment, it felt confusing. Have we been faced with a similar situation? How did we respond? What was the result?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 5:21 This is a New Testament way of stating what happened when Abram believed God, namely, God gave Abram His righteousness. Meaning, because of God's gift of righteousness Abram's failures will not prevent God from delivering on His promises to him. In what way does the encourage us to have faith in God's promises?
4. Read Genesis 18: 13,14; Matthew 19:26 What is our response to "is anything too hard for the Lord?" What does our answer reveal about our faith in what God can or will do?
5. What if Abram had not listened to the calling of God and stayed in his own country? What are some of the blessings Abram would have missed out on? Does potentially missing out on blessings motivate you to follow the calling of God? Why or why not?

// Challenge: What is God telling you to do with your life? (i.e your marriage, family, money, body, career, hobbies, opportunities) What if right now this is your calling from God to have the faith to step out of your plan and into His?