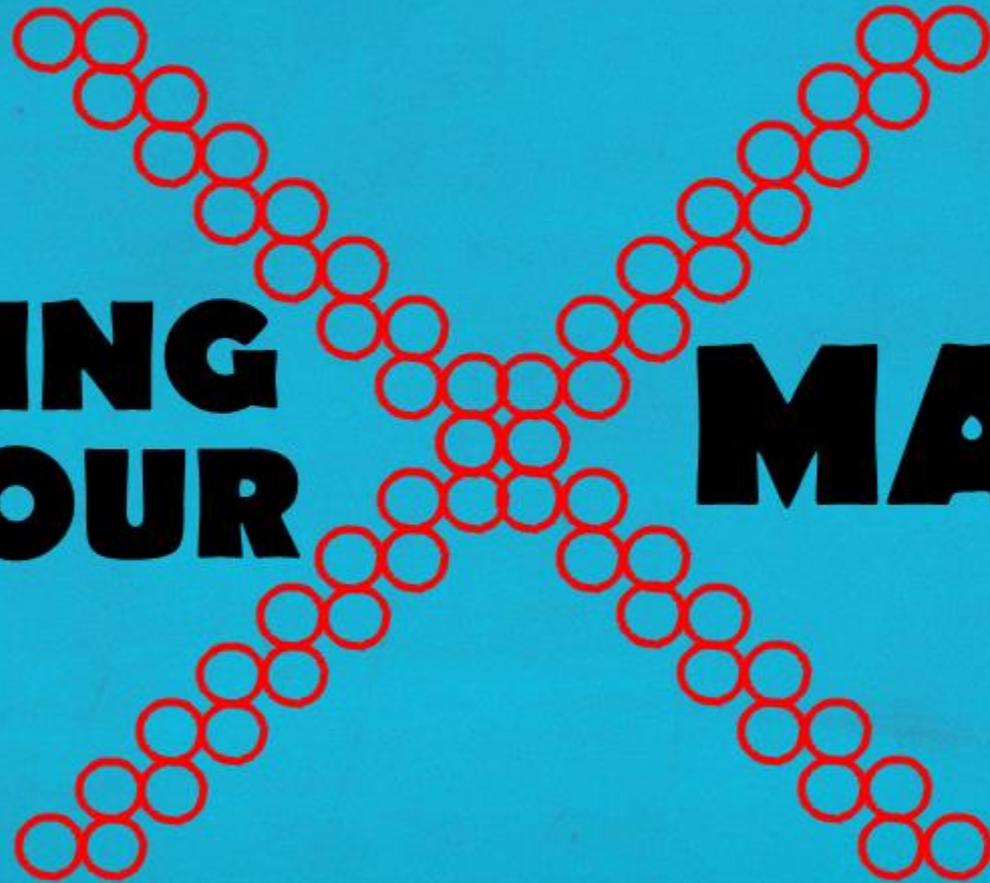


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***Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us,<sup>2</sup> fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.  
Hebrews 12:1-2***

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# We can trust God ...

## 1. Even when it takes a long time.

***<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.***

**Hebrews 11:8**

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## 2. Even when we think we know better.

*Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. But she had an Egyptian slave named Hagar;<sup>2</sup> so she said to Abram, "The LORD has kept me from having children. Go, sleep with my slave; perhaps I can build a family through her."*

**Genesis 16:1-2**

# We can trust God ...

## 3. Even when the window of opportunity passes.

*When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. <sup>2</sup> Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers."*

*<sup>3</sup> Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, <sup>4</sup> "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations.*

**Genesis 17:1-4**



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## 4. Even when it seems impossible.

***<sup>15</sup> God also said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah. <sup>16</sup> I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her."***

**Genesis 17:15-16**



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## 5. Even if we don't understand.

*<sup>17</sup> By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son,  
<sup>18</sup> even though God had said to him, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned."  
<sup>19</sup> Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death.*

**Hebrews 11:17-19**



**How do you have that kind of  
lifelong trust in God?**

**Don't make earth your  
ultimate home – make it heaven**



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