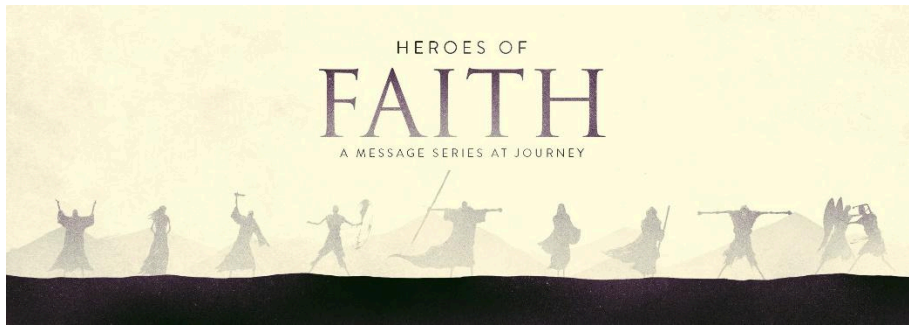




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ABRAHAM

Heroes of faith aren't people with extraordinary abilities; they're ordinary people who trust in the one true extraordinary God.

A HERO OF FAITH OBEYS GOD EVEN WHEN HE DOESN'T HAVE ALL THE DETAILS

¹ The Lord had said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you. ² I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. ³ I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you." ⁴ So Abram departed as the Lord had instructed, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran. **Genesis 12:1-4 NLT**

Many of us want God to show us the entire plan before we take the first step.

- God's answer is simply: "Trust Me and take the next step."
- Faith isn't having all the answers.
- Faith is obeying what God has already made clear.

A HERO OF FAITH ISN'T PERFECT

¹⁰ At that time a severe famine struck the land of Canaan, forcing Abram to go down to Egypt, where he lived as a foreigner. ¹¹ As he was approaching the border of Egypt, Abram said to his wife, Sarai, "Look, you are a very beautiful woman. ¹² When the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife. Let's kill him; then we can have her!'" ¹³ So please tell them you are my sister. Then they will spare my life and treat me well because of their interest in you." **Genesis 12:10-13 NLT**

- Abraham lied about Sarah being his wife.
- Faith over fear.
- A moment of failure doesn't have to become a lifetime of unfaithfulness.

Heroes of faith aren't people who never stumble. They're people who keep getting back up and returning to God.

Proverbs 24:16 "For the righteous falls seven times and rises again."

A HERO OF FAITH BELIEVES GOD'S PROMISES EVEN WHEN CIRCUMSTANCES SAY OTHERWISE

¹ Some time later, the Lord spoke to Abram in a vision and said to him, "Do not be afraid, Abram, for I will protect you, and your reward will be great."

² But Abram replied, "O Sovereign Lord, what good are all your blessings when I don't even have a son? Since you've given me no children, Eliezer of Damascus, a servant in my household, will inherit all my wealth. ³ You have given me no descendants of my own, so one of my servants will be my heir."

⁴ Then the Lord said to him, "No, your servant will not be your heir, for you will have a son of your own who will be your heir." ⁵ Then the Lord took Abram outside and said to him, "Look up into the sky and count the stars if you can. That's how many descendants you will have!" ⁶ And Abram believed the Lord, and the Lord counted him as righteous because of his faith. **Genesis 15:1-6 NLT**

- Abraham wasn't made righteous because he earned it.
- He wasn't made righteous because he lived a perfect life.
- He was counted righteous through faith.
- This points us directly toward the Gospel.

Biblical faith is believing that God can do everything He has promised.

A HERO OF FAITH TRUSTS GOD WITH WHAT MATTERS MOST

¹ Some time later, God tested Abraham's faith. "Abraham!" God called.

"Yes," he replied. "Here I am." ² "Take your son, your only son—yes, Isaac, whom you love so much—and go to the land of Moriah. Go and sacrifice him as a burnt offering on one of the mountains, which I will show you." **Genesis 22:1-2 NLT**

- Do you trust God with what you love most?
- Your children, your career, your money, your time?

Maybe the greatest question isn't: "Do you believe in God?"

The greater question is: "Do you trust God enough to obey Him?"

- Will I obey God when I don't know all the details?
- Will I believe God when circumstances seem impossible?
- Will I keep trusting God even after I've failed?
- Will I trust God with what matters most?