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Big Idea: Faith trusts who, when it can't see how.

Genesis 12:1-4 (NLT)

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.

Faith trusts:

- **God's direction without details.**
- **God's timing without a timeline.**

Genesis 16:1-4 (NLT)

1 Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had not been able to bear children for
him. But she had an Egyptian servant named Hagar. 2 So Sarai said
to Abram, "The Lord has prevented me from having children. Go

and sleep with my servant. Perhaps I can have children through her." And Abram agreed with Sarai's proposal. 3 So Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar the Egyptian servant and gave her to Abram as a wife. (This happened ten years after Abram had settled in the land of Canaan.) 4 So Abram had sexual relations with Hagar, and she became pregnant. But when Hagar knew she was pregnant, she began to treat her mistress, Sarai, with contempt.

When we use the world's methods, we get the world's mess.

Faith trusts:

- **The Provider before it sees the provision.**

Genesis 22:1-14 (NLT)

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."

3 The next morning Abraham got up early. He saddled his donkey and took two of his servants with him, along with his son, Isaac. Then he chopped wood for a fire for a burnt offering and set out for the place God had told him about. 4 On the third day of their journey, Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. 5 "Stay here with the donkey," Abraham told the servants. "The boy and I will travel a little farther. We will worship there, and then we will come right back."

6 So Abraham placed the wood for the burnt offering on Isaac's
shoulders, while he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the
two of them walked on together, 7 Isaac turned to Abraham and
said, "Father?"

"Yes, my son?" Abraham replied.

"We have the fire and the wood," the boy said, "but where is the
sheep for the burnt offering?"

8 "God will provide a sheep for the burnt offering, my son,"
Abraham answered. And they both walked on together.

9 When they arrived at the place where God had told him to go,
Abraham built an altar and arranged the wood on it. Then he tied
his son, Isaac, and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. 10 And
Abraham picked up the knife to kill his son as a sacrifice. 11 At that
moment the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven,
"Abraham! Abraham!"

"Yes," Abraham replied. "Here I am!"

12 "Don't lay a hand on the boy!" the angel said. "Do not hurt him in
any way, for now I know that you truly fear God. You have not
withheld from me even your son, your only son."

13 Then Abraham looked up and saw a ram caught by its horns in a
thicket. So he took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering in
place of his son. 14 Abraham named the place Yahweh-Yireh (which
means "the Lord will provide"). To this day, people still use that
name as a proverb: "On the mountain of the Lord it will be
provided."

Hebrews 11:19 (NLT)

19 Abraham **reasoned** that if Isaac died, God was able to bring him
back to life again. And in a sense, Abraham did receive his son
back from the dead.

Reasoned - *logízomai* - logically reason and account for something.

- What do you already know God wants you to do, but you're afraid to do it?
- Where are you trying to take matters into your own hands because you're tired of waiting on God?
- If God doesn't give you what you want, will you still trust Him?