



The Attitude of Faith

Announcements

- **Starting Point** – Sunday, December 2 at 5:00 pm at all campuses. Starting Point is the first step toward getting involved at Church of the King by learning about the vision and mission of the church. Register at www.churchoftheking.com/register
- **Dream Team Orientation** -- Sunday, December 9th, 5:00 pm at all campuses. Help get your small group serving together by attending encouraging those in your group to attend *Dream Team Orientation*.

Warm-up

Is it easier for you to believe something because of your faith, or because of the facts? Why?

Faith can be challenging because we don't always see the promises God has for us. It is important to maintain an attitude of thanksgiving as we are believing for what God has in store for us.

Why can it be hard to have an attitude of gratitude when we are waiting for God to fulfill His promises to us?

Today we are going to discuss the importance of maintaining faith in the midst of growing doubt.

Word & Application

Read Genesis 15:1-7. In this portion of scripture, what is the promise God gives Abram?

God promised to give Abram a son, which would lead to a great and lasting legacy. Even with God's promises Abram still faced the problem of doubt -- **Read Genesis 15:8.**

Read 1 Corinthians 1:20. When God makes promises to us we can trust His promises will come to pass. However, we must often go through a process to receive God's promises.

Read James 1:2-4 and Romans 5:3-4. Why do you think God often puts us through a process in order to receive his promises?

Read Genesis 15:9-10. Abram had to make sacrifices before God in order to receive the promises he was given. Sacrifice is still critical today. Whether it is offering our lives as a living sacrifice (**Read Romans 12:1**), or the sacrifice of praise (**Read Hebrews 13:15**), these sacrifices position us to receive the fullness of God's blessings in our lives.

How have sacrifices you've made in life positioned you to receive God's blessings for your life?

Read Genesis 15:11. What do the birds in this portion of scripture represent to us?

The birds that tried to take Abram's sacrifices away represent the spiritual warfare we must go through before we receive our promises. Satan wants to steal our promises. Not only will we have to make sacrifices to receive God's blessings, but we must also be willing to go through spiritual warfare.

What have you recognized in your life as spiritual warfare, which you must fight through in order to receive God's blessings?

Read Genesis 15:12-16. Prior to receiving our promises we may also find ourselves in the midst of darkness. Abram was given a picture of the struggles his descendants would face as they waited for God's promises.

Read Psalm 23:4. The benefit of our dark times is the promise that God will meet us in our time of need with His promises.

Read Genesis 15:17-21. In these verses we see how God brought about the promised covenant, *"To your descendants I give this land..."* (vs. 18). As we embrace the process of faith, God will give us the confirmation of His promises. God is always faithful to confirm and follow through with the promises He has made.

What promise are you believing for right now? Where do you see yourself in the process of receiving the promise?

Prayer

Pray for each person to be faithful in the process of receiving God's promises. Also, take time to ask for specific prayer requests from those in your small group.