

**Think it Over
Going Deeper
Devotional**

9-13-20

**HOW TO KEEP ON BELIEVING
Building Your Faith**

Monday

Think of a time when you were in a hurry when God wasn't. When and what was it? _____

*Ecclesiastes 3:11 - God does everything **just right** and **on time**, but people can never completely understand what He is doing. (NCV)*

Romans 4:17 - 22: As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed--the God who gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were. 18 Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be." 19 Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead--since he was about a hundred years old--and that Sarah's womb was also dead. 20 Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, 21 being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. (NIV)

God gave him a promise that he'd have a baby who'd become a great nation, which later became the nation of Israel. But Abraham had to wait one hundred years for that baby. That's a long time to wait. What do you do while you're waiting on God? _____

Tuesday

Describe a time when a situation was out of your control. _____

*Romans 4:17 - Abraham believed in God who **gives life to the dead** and who **creates something out of nothing**. (NCV)*

Don't focus on what you **can't** do. You focus on what God **can** do.

Luke 18:27 - "What is impossible with men is possible with God." (NIV)

Describe a time when you focused on what God could do. _____

*Romans 4:17 - Abraham believed in God who **gives life to the dead** and who **creates something out of nothing**.*

What did Abraham put his faith in? _____

Are there some situations in your life right now that you need to give over to God and start believing in what He can do? _____

Wednesday

*Romans 4:18 - When hope was dead within him, Abraham went on hoping in faith...He **relied on the word of God**... (Ph)*

Have you ever felt that way? That hope was dying inside of you? How do you know when hope is dying inside of you? You start using the word "never."

What made you feel hopeless? _____

When you come to a dead end rely on the promises:

*Hebrews 11:17 - While God was testing him, Abraham **still trusted in God and his promises**, so he offered his son Isaac..." (LB)*

What promise from God is meaningful to you? _____

Thursday

*Romans 4:19-20a - Without weakening in his faith, he **faced the fact** that his body was as good as dead...and Sarah's womb was also dead. Yet **he didn't waver with unbelief**..." (NIV)*

Abraham recognizes that he and his wife are beyond childbearing years. He's 99, his wife is 89 and it is a medical impossibility that they're going to have children. He doesn't deny the facts. He faces them with faith.

How do you think he did that? _____

Spend some time in prayer and ask God to increase your faith in Him.

Friday

*Romans 4:20-21 - Abraham never doubted. He believed God, for his faith and trust grew ever stronger, and **he praised God** for this blessing **even before it happened**. He was completely sure that God was well able to do anything He promised. (LB)*

How would you describe his faith? _____

How sure are you that God's timing is perfect? _____

*Ecclesiastes 3:11 - God does everything **just right** and **on time**, but people can never completely understand what He is doing. (NCV)*

Pray and ask God to give you the name of someone who needs to worship with you on Sunday.