

# FROM DEAD-END TO DELIVERANCE

How God Builds Your Faith · Part 6

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## ABRAHAM'S EXAMPLE OF FAITH

### Phase 1: A DREAM (Age 75)

Genesis 12:1-3

(God) "I will make you into a great nation..."

### Phase 2: A DECISION

Genesis 12:4

"So Abraham left as the Lord had told him to..."

### Phase 3: DELAY (Age 86)

Genesis 16:1

"But Sarah still had not borne any children..."

### Phase 4: DIFFICULTY (Age 99)

Genesis 17:18

"How can a son be born to a man my age?"

### Phase 5: DEAD-END

Genesis 21:1-6 and Genesis 22:1-12

"Take your only son, whom you love, and sacrifice him..."

### Phase 6: DELIVERANCE!

Genesis 22:12-14

"Don't hurt the boy... I've provided a lamb..."

## WHAT TO DO WHEN I REACH A "DEAD-END"

Romans 4:17-20

### • I REMEMBER \_\_\_\_\_

"...Abraham believed in the God who bring the dead back to life and who creates new things out of nothing." **Romans 4:17 (NLT)**

"What is impossible with men is possible with God." **Luke 18:27**

### • I RELY ON \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

"When everything was hopeless, Abraham believed anyway, deciding to live not on the basis of what he saw he couldn't do but on what God said he would do. And so he was made father of a multitude of peoples. God himself said to him, "You're going to have a big family, Abraham!" **Romans 4:18 (MSG)**

### • I FACE THE FACTS \_\_\_\_\_

"Abraham's faith did not weaken, even though, at about 100 years of age, he figured his body was as good as dead—and so was Sarah's womb. Abraham never wavered in believing God's promise." **Romans 4:19-20a (NLT)**

"We fix our eyes...on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." **2 Corinthians 4:8 (NIV)**

### • I EXPECT \_\_\_\_\_

"But Abraham never doubted... he praised God for this blessing even before it happened. He was completely sure that God was well able to do anything He promised." **Romans 4:20-21 (LB)**

(Paul) "But this happened so we might not rely on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. He has delivered us ... He will deliver us ... (and) ... we have set our hope that He will continue to deliver us..." **2 Corinthians 1:9-10 (NIV)**

## WHAT KIND OF DELIVERANCE WILL GOD GIVE?

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