

- How to grow stronger in your faith!
- How it can be so easy for you to just trust God—in the most difficult of times, when it looks like God does not care!

- Rom 4:20: **yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief, but grew strong in faith, or was strengthened in exercise of his faith or it became easier for him to exercise faith** actually definite article **that faith** –that same faith whereby he was imputed +R that is it became easier & easier for Abraham to have a grain of mustard seed of faith in God—
- **giving glory to God** here is the object of Abraham's faith, & the more he knew about God, the more he trusted God, the easier it was to keep on trusting God, even in spite of a promise that seemed impossible in hopeless circum.

- Aorist Active Participle: *didomi* to give
- What is important here in dealing with Faith of Abraham is that the action of Aor. Ptc precedes the action of main verb:
- **Giving Glory to God** came before growing stronger in faith
- The greater glory you give God in Spiritual Warfare of your life, the easier it is to trust Him in /difficulties of your life.
- 1st Abraham gave glory to God,
- then it was easy for him to simply trust God with grain of mustard seed.

- 1st you must know them—
- who they are, all they can do
- & this does not occur over night, or even in a short time,
- This occurs by a combination of two things:
- 1st this is known by years of **abiding** in His Word, **listening** to His word-**keeping** His word, getting under some P-T who studies His Word & teaches His word n truth
- This is what is meant by **faith comes from hearing, & hearing by the word of Christ.**
- **Then -& as important** walking by Faith , & actually seeing God work in your life

- & with each stage it is easy for you to simply trust Him, even though the test may be more severe in your life.
- This is seen in passage **1 Cor. 10:13** **No temptation no test has overtaken you but such as is common to man; & God is faithful,** ok first comes your awareness of the faithfulness of God **who will not allow you to be tempted/tested beyond what you are able,** & how are we able? By growing in our trust of God—of Jesus Christ of Holy Spirit—
- Knowing that He is able, we are able to simply trust Him.
- **but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, that you may be able to endure it.**

- **First:** you must know God, each member of the Godhead
- **2 then**—you will find it easier & easier to trust Him as things get more difficult in your life—
- stronger in faith simply means not more faith but easier to trust Him with grain of mustard seed of faith

- 2 Cor. 5:14 **For the love of Christ controls us**, but note what precedes being so controlled by love of JC toward us having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; 1st he examined something about Christ love—then he came to this conclusion of being so controlled by this love
- **15 & He died for all, that they who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died & rose again on their behalf.**
- Why will we desire to live for Him, for His glory? having looked at His love for us!

- Thoughts precede action
- Thoughts precede faith
- Who are you trusting?
- Why are you trusting?
- What are you trusting Him to do?

- Gal.3:14 in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.
- Eph. 1:13 In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation-- having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,

- 1st giving glory to God
- & being fully assured about God
- Then: he did not waver in unbelief, but grew strong in the exercise of faith, of just trusting God
- We follow the pattern of Abraham for imputation of God's righteousness, and Sal.
- So we can follow the pattern of Abraham in the development of our faith life.

- To have this kind of faith, we must first come to the point where we have full confidence in God's character, God's person, His faithfulness, His love, His Omnipotence, His Plan; there is so much involved in developing this kind of confidence in God!
- 2. Having this kind of faith is the place of true security in an insecure world!
- 3. Having this kind of faith is the place of spiritual dynamics in your life

- 4. Having this kind of faith is when you find **reality** in the being of God—all that He is!
- 5. Your relationship with God is more real than any person, any circumstance, any situation in your life!
- This is what this kind of faith can do—to you...for you..