

FAITH PLEASES GOD

Family Devotion – Lesson 16

MEMORY VERSE – GENESIS 15:6

“And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.”

- God promised Abraham a family that would some day multiply into being a blessing to the entire world. Abraham had been waiting for a while and wanted to know when he would have this “promised” son. God assured him that it would happen and gave him an object lesson to make His point. He had Abraham look up into the night sky to count all the stars. He assured Abraham that his family would be as many as the stars in the sky!
- The moment Abraham believed the Lord, God gave him credit for being righteous. This righteousness came from believing. Abraham believed that God was going to give him a son who would continue his family tree.
- Abraham’s faith pleased God. It made Abraham’s relationship right with God.
- When we don’t believe what God says, we are treating God as if He is a liar.
- There are a few things that can easily get in the way of faith:
 - Fear (shows a lack of faith in God)
 - Pride (shows your self-sufficiency apart from God)
 - Logic (shows doubt in the power of God)
 - Works of the law (shows you are trusting in yourself and not God)
- Placing faith in what Jesus did (the gospel) is how a person is made righteous today. At that very moment of belief, the believer is counted as righteous.
- “But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we **believe** on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification” (Rom. 4:24-25).

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS

- When did you become right with God? Explain.
- Is there anything in the Bible you struggle believing? Why do you think you struggle?
- How do you think God feels when a person does not believe His word?

PRAYER TIME

- Ask God to increase your faith in Him.
- Pray that nothing gets in the way of your faith.

CHALLENGE

- The next time you see the stars out at night, see how many you can count and remember the promise God made to Abraham.