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Living Above Your Circumstances

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A heavy question hangs in the air of my office today as I read the scriptures and consider certain circumstances in my life. I wonder, ***“Do I believe God?”***

The question arises as I am fixated on three words describing the Old Testament patriarch Abram (Abraham). The words are, ***“Abraham believed God”*** (Romans 4:3).

To ***“believe God”*** means to trust Him (verse 5) and ***“to have faith in Him”*** (verse 9). And I wonder, ***“Why?” Why did Abraham believe God?***

A little context is necessary here. At approximately 100 years of age, Abraham received a promise from God. The promise was that Abraham and his 90 year-old wife, Sarah, a childless couple, would unite and have a son. Furthermore, the promise included that Abraham’s future offspring would be as numerous as the stars (Genesis 15:1-5). ***Really????***

The next verse, Genesis 15:6, locks it down. ***Abraham believed God.***

Abraham did not believe because his circumstances were favorable. No, he believed “against all hope, in hope” (Romans 4:18). ***Abraham had hope in the midst of a hopeless situation. Why?***

Because God made a promise and God, by His very own nature as God, MUST fulfill what He promises. Therefore, Abraham, in the midst of hopelessness, did not focus on his circumstances but on God and His promise. ***Abraham believed God.***

How about you? Are you focusing today on your circumstances, whatever they might be, or on the promises of God to His children? Do you know what His promises to His children are? Most importantly, how do you answer the question

Do I believe God?

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