

# ROCK SOLID FAITH

FAITH GOD REQUIRES & REWARDS GREATLY!

## I AM CONFIDENT NOT CONFUSED

Genesis 12:1-4

Hebrews 12:2, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the PIONEER and PERFECTER of faith . . .

Matthew 9:20-22, <sup>20</sup> Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. <sup>21</sup> She said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed." <sup>22</sup> Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter," he said, "your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed at that moment . . .

Mark 5:26

Matthew 9:27-30, <sup>29</sup> As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, calling out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!" <sup>28</sup> When he had gone indoors, the blind men came to him, and he asked them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" "Yes, Lord," they replied. <sup>29</sup> Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith let it be done to you"; <sup>30</sup> and their sight was restored . . .

Galatians 3:9, So those who rely on faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

**Big Idea: Confident faith matures our hearts in God's ways and brings blessings that the ungodly, with confused hearts, can't experience.**

Hebrews 11:6, And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

### The Barriers to Developing a Confident Faith

#### 1) Confusing WORLDVIEWS

Genesis 12:1, The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country . . .

#### 2) Confusing FAMILY CULTURES

Genesis 12:1, The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people . . .

Joshua 24:1-2; Genesis 11:31

#### 3) Confusing CIRCUMSTANCES

Genesis 11:32

Romans 12:2, Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Genesis 12:1, The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.

Acts 10:34-35, <sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism <sup>35</sup> but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right.

## Birthing New Eras Through Confident Faith

### 1) I will make YOUR LIFE great.

Genesis 12:2, I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you . . .

Proverbs 14:34, Godliness makes a nation great, but sin is a disgrace to any people.

1 Timothy 4:7-8; 2 Peter 1:3-4

### 2) I will make YOUR REPUTATION great.

Genesis 12:2, . . . I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

Psalms 139:16

### 3) I will PROTECT YOU from harm.

Genesis 12:3, I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse . . .

### 4) I will make YOUR IMPACT great.

Genesis 12:3-4, <sup>3</sup> . . . and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." <sup>4</sup> So Abram went, as the LORD had told him

1 John 5:7-8, <sup>7</sup> For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup> the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement.

#### Questions:

- 1) What did you hear from the Holy Spirit?
- 2) What will you do because of it?
- 3) How can we pray for you?