

### Matthew 7:7-11

There is a process to believing God. Not only do we ask, but we also look, seek, and knock. This is one way that we show God our faith.

### God wants absolute trust and belief from us, which is couched in faith.

### John 20:29

Blessed are those who believe without seeing. We are blessed because we believe without seeing Him (Jesus).

# Genesis 6:11-14, 22

God gave Noah instructions, and Noah trusted and believed Him, even though what God said would happen had never happened before.

# Genesis 11:31-32, 12:1-7

The Lord spoke to Abram and told him to leave his country and his family, and Abram did just that. He had absolute trust in God, and did as he was instructed. This is the kind of trust and obedience that we expect from our children. Similarly, this is the obedience God expects from us: we do what He is telling us to do.

#### Genesis 17:15-22

Abraham questioned God, laughing in disbelief at the promise that he would have a son in his old age. He tried to work out how God would move according to his human logic, thinking maybe God meant Ishmael would be the promised son. Don't we do the same, trying to help God out, or questioning what He says when it is outside our comfort zone? God then reemphasized the promise that Abraham would bear a son by Sarah, and this time, Abraham believed, evidenced by his actions—Isaac was born a year later.

### Genesis 22:1-18

This time, when he received instructions, Abraham didn't question God. He got up early and prepared to sacrifice Isaac, the son of the promise God made him. He had absolute trust in God, even though the situation didn't make sense. Are we willing to show that kind of obedience? God wants us to trust him absolutely and in every way. When we get this understanding, we can be a greater witness to those around us. Each of us is assigned to a vineyard. The world needs our help. We can't put bandaids on cancer.

God's instructions will always be in line with His Word. He may speak through the Word or another person. When He gives us those instructions, He wants us to obey exactly and immediately. The church has jumped the tracks and derailed, and needs to get back on track. We need to get back to the core principle of trusting God, and not just for what we want. Trust is based on our connection with God, not what we can get from Him. Absolute trust is depicted by absolute obedience.