

BE A BRINGER

“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....” John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a

GROWTH
GUIDE

GROWING
through
CRISIS

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Study: 04/12/20

Growing From Unbelief To Faith

As we live by faith, God is able to use us and cause us to grow in grace. Sometimes daily growth seems minute or even nonexistent to a casual observer.

We may sometimes become frustrated with the apparent lack of progress, not able to see the forest for the trees. It is good from time to time to look back and see how God has been working in our lives.

As a bricklayer places one brick upon the other, building a large tower, he may feel his progress is insignificant. Yet, the tower will be built one brick at a time. It is the same in our Christian lives.

God makes the big changes through a series of little ones. We must learn to trust God for the little things so we can enjoy great growth. We must trust God daily so we can enjoy yearly gain. Like any other growing experience, living by faith is taking one step at a time.

If we want a growing faith we must have a constant communion with Jesus Christ. As we spend time in prayer, Bible study, and fellowship with Christ, we will develop our faith more fully.

Jesus recognized that we would become like those we spend time with (Matt. 10:25). As we spend time with the Lord, we will become more Christlike in our faith.

Once we are saved, our faith is nurtured as we grow from victory to victory. Paul describes this “from faith to faith, as it is written, the just shall live by faith” (Rom. 1:17).

God wants us to have faith in himself because that pleases and glorifies him. But living faith is not something we receive as one takes a vitamin pill. With the opportunity of taking a step of faith there is the risk of success or failure.

When we successfully trust God we should learn through the experience and grow thereby. Faith must come from man’s heart, which is governed by his free will.

Therefore, to develop a person’s faith, God will sometimes maneuver a man into a corner so that the creature is forced to look to his Creator in faith. Through such experiences, man has an opportunity to grow in his faith.

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KEY VERSE

Romans 4:20 (NKJV)

“He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God “

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Romans 4:16-5:2; Genesis 15:1-7; John 15

Introduction

1. How has your faith impacted you during the Covid-19 crisis?
2. Based on today’s readings, how would you describe Abraham’s faith?

Tuesday: Roman 4:20; II Corinthians 5:6-8; John 16

Understand The Strength In Faith

3. Why do you think Abraham’s faith was so strong? How can you enjoy the confidence mentioned in today’s readings?
4. How can your faith give you strength today?

Wednesday: Romans 4:21; Genesis 18:10-14; John 17

Fully Rely On Biblical Promises

5. Abraham was fully convinced that God would do what He said He would. What promises do you rely on?
6. How has God’s Word been reliable in your life?

Thursday: Romans 4:22-25; I John 4:9-10; John 18

Believe In Jesus For Forgiveness

7. On Easter we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. What does it mean that Jesus was “raised because of our justification”? What is justification?
8. How freeing is it to know that people who believe in Jesus will be judged by His works and not our own? What will look differently in your life this week if you truly embrace that change?
9. This passage demonstrates that the gospel is for all people, whether they are Jew or Gentile. Can you think of anyone you might share the gospel with who needs to be free from the punishment of the law?

Friday: Romans 5:1-2; Ephesians 2:13-18; John 19

Stand On God’s Grace

10. What does it mean to have peace with God? Are some people at war with God? How?
11. How can you “rejoice in hope of the glory of God” this week? Is it possible to rejoice in the midst of a crisis?
12. The title of this sermon series is “Growing Through Our Crisis”. In what ways might God use this time in your life to grow you?