

Message Notes



“Seeing and Believing”

Part three of the series: *“Increase: Growing the Power to Believe”*

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God gives us a picture to help direct our faith.

“The Lord had said to Abram, ‘Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.’²‘I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.’³I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.’” (Genesis 12:1-3)

“He took him outside and said, ‘Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.’ Then he said to him, ‘So shall your offspring be.’ Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.” (Genesis 15:5-6)

Focus on God’s vision in the midst of our realities.

“And Jesus answered them, ‘Have faith in God.’²³Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and thrown into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him.²⁴Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.” (Mark 11:22-24 ESV)

Sometimes breakthrough is instantaneous, sometimes it’s progressive.

“And he took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village, and when he had spit on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, ‘Do you see anything?’²⁴And he looked up and said, ‘I see people, but they look like trees, walking.’²⁵Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he opened his eyes, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly.” (Mark 8:22-25 ESV)

God uses delays to do a deeper work of intimacy.

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