

Message Notes



“Seeing is 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 angel of the Lord called to Abraham from heaven a second time ¹⁶and said, ‘I swear by myself, declares the Lord, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, ¹⁸and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.” (Genesis 22:15-18)

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 they came to Bethsaida. And some people brought to him a blind man and begged him to touch him. ²³And 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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