



“Without faith it is impossible to please God...”

Hebrews 11:6

Fideism

Faith without Reason
“I just believe”

Faith

Faith with Reason
“I reason and believe”

Rationalism

Reason without Faith
“I won’t believe”

“The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. “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. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.” So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran.”

Genesis 12:1-4a

*“By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, **obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.** By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.”*

Hebrews 11:8-9

*“So those who rely on faith are blessed along with **Abraham, the man of faith.**”*

Galatians 3:9

2 Common Faith Factors

1. Faith is initiated by God

- Abraham had been an idolator

“Long ago your ancestors, Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor, lived on the other side of the Euphrates River and served other gods.”

Joshua 24:2 (GW)

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.”

Ephesians 2:8-9

2. Faith hinges on our response “our obedience” to God

Water = H²O

Faith = W²O (word 2 obedience)

Faith is taking God at His word and acting upon it.

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”

Matthew 28:19

“Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.”

Acts 2:41

The journey of faith is the forward movement of
one yes to the next.

? What do you know God wants you to do?

Take Action:

1. Reflect: What steps (yeses to God) have gotten you to where you are?
2. When was your last yes to God?
Insight: some are big, most are not; they are simple yeses
3. What is your next / now yes?

Further discussion:

1. Which and how many of the 3 categories of Faith have you experienced?
2. What stood out to you about Abraham?
3. Discuss the Take Action steps.