



Crazy Faith: Stories from THEN and NOW

Sermon Outline

Genesis 16-Genesis 18

3 OBSTACLES TO HAVING CRAZY FAITH

Introduction:

Abram (soon to be Abraham) wants his wife Sarai to have a baby. At 75, Abraham is not so sure. (Perhaps our belief in what God says is the fuel that brings it to come to pass.) Sarai suggests Abraham let the maidservant have the baby. He agrees.

Here are 3 OBSTACLES to having CRAZY FAITH.

1-SHORTCUTS

>Abraham, impatient with God, decides to create his own pathway to having a child. He ignores God's instructions. (Note: The child born through Abram's disobedience ends up having a big role in the foundation of Islam.) When we try to make God submit to our will, there will always be consequences.

2-DOUBT

>Abraham is promised a child at 75. 24 years pass by. 24! And God appears again promising a child. No doubt Abraham wondered if God could be trusted. Sarai was losing faith in God. We all are liable to sin and can lose our faith in God. Note how Sarai's honesty with God takes place. Hardship sometimes occurs when giving God total obedience.

3-DISOBEDIENCE.

>Abraham has been promised a child. Finally, his wife has a child. And then later down the road, God asks Abraham to sacrifice the child he waited so long for. Can you imagine? And yet, Abraham is obedient.

CONCLUSION: Even when our situation lies to us about what God can do, we still can trust Him with everything by following despite the circumstances. That's Crazy Faith!

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

- >What is the most prized possession you are holding back from God?
- >What is the "Isaac" you are holding back from God?
- >What area of life do you feel like God is testing you in right now?