

PROGRESSING IN  
FAITH



# Faith Comparisons

- Its safe to say that as humans we often compare ourselves with each other.
- Christians are not always better, even if we know better. **2 Cor. 10:12**
- The Bible also use people as “examples” for us to pattern after, thus fortifying our desire to the same.

# Abraham, the Father of Faith

- It took amazing faith to leave his homeland (safety, cultural ways, family) and go to an unknown land with so many questions...
- ...Other than a promise by the God of the universe. **Gen. 12**
- You'd think that no man would ever question a promise from God... yet we only look at our own lives.

# How Abraham's Faith "Progressed"

- Progress in one's faith does not mean there are no setbacks. **Gen. 15:1-6; 17:1-2, 15-19**
- Still, whether it be in solitary moments or in the overall landscape of one's lifetime, progress of one's faith in God's promise is evident to all looking upon it. **Gen. 22:1-19; Heb. 11:8-10, 17-19**

# Reflect upon your personal faith

- Our lives are so much more than the day to day struggles and pleasures of this life.
- **Do you lay hold of God's promise to resurrect you to a life beyond mortality...** the way Abraham did regarding his son? **1 Cor. 15:1-2**
- Do you see moments when you've faltered and succeeded when faced with God's promise?

# Faith...in accordance with grace

*“ For this reason it is by faith, in order that it may be in accordance with grace, so that the promise will be guaranteed to all the descendants, not only to those who are of the Law, **but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all,....”***

***(Romans 4:16).***

# Progress to Immovable Faith!

*“ So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” “O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?” The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.” (1 Corinthians 15:54–58).*