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Leader Guide Session 6

Key Verse

What is impossible with men is possible with God – Luke 18:27

Lesson Outline

Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. - HEBREWS 11:1 NKJV

God said, "Take your son... and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering." - GENESIS 22:2 NIV

While You're Waiting for God's Deliverance:

1. _____ what God can do

The situation may be out of your control, but it's not out of God's control.

Abraham believed [in] God who gives life to the dead and who creates some-thing out of nothing. - ROMANS 4:17 NCV

When you face things that are out of your control, you need more than a positive mental attitude. You need faith in God.

"What is impossible with men is possible with God." - LUKE 18:27 NIV

2. _____ on what God has said

When hope was dead within him, [Abraham] went on hoping in faith...He relied on the word of God. - ROMANS 4:18 PHILLIPS

How do you know when hope is dead? You start using the word "never."

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While God was testing him, Abraham still trusted in God and his promises, and so he offered up his son Isaac. - HEBREWS 11:17 TLB

Isaac spoke up and said to his father... "Where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" Abraham answered, "God himself will provide." - GENESIS 22:7-8 NIV

3. _____ with faith

Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead...and that Sarah's womb was also dead. Yet he did not waver through unbelief. - ROMANS 4:19-20 NIV

Faith is not denying reality. Faith is facing the facts without being discouraged by them.

We fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. - 2 CORINTHIANS 4:18 NIV

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. - HEBREWS 12:2 NIV

4. _____ God to deliver me

What are you expecting God to do? God works in your life according to your expectations.

"According to your faith let it be done to you." - MATTHEW 9:29 NIV

Abraham never doubted...He praised God for this blessing even before it happened. He was completely sure that God was well able to do anything he promised. - ROMANS 4:20-21 TLB

The ultimate form of faith is thanking God in advance for what he is going to do. Abraham praised God for the blessing, even before it happened.

But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. He has delivered us...he will deliver us...We have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us. - 2 CORINTHIANS 1:9-10 NIV

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Three Kinds of Deliverance:

1. _____ (or external) deliverance.
2. _____ (or internal) deliverance.
3. _____ (or eternal) deliverance (heaven).

The world hopes for the best, but Jesus is your best hope.

Jesus is our Savior, which means Jesus is our Deliverer.

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." - JOHN 14:6 NIV

Jesus can take a hopeless end and turn it into an endless hope.

If you are saved, it means that you are already delivered. Your ultimate delivery is going to be an eternity in heaven.

Discussion Questions

1. What life experiences came to mind as you listened to Pastor Rick's message? Does anyone have a story to share of a time when God delivered you from a dead end?
2. How does remembering who God is and what he can do help you as you wait for his deliverance?
3. What promises from God encourage you when you are at a dead end?
4. What is the most meaningful lesson you have learned in this study? What step will you take today to start to apply that lesson in your life?

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Prayer Direction

If you are in the dead-end phase of faith, call on the Lord as your Deliverer (see Psalm 18:2). Ask him to restore your hope and trust in him and to make a way where there is no way. Before you pray for each other's requests, thank God for the lessons in faith that he has taught you through this study.

Putting It into Practice

Your story of faith can change someone else's life. Who do you know who needs to hear about the six phases of faith? Make a plan to share with them the faith-building lessons you have learned through this study.

The ultimate form of faith is thanking God in advance for what you are presently asking him to do. If you thank him after he has answered your prayer, that is not faith but gratitude. When you're at a dead end, choose to thank God that the answer is already on the way.