

Stages of Faith

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Day 1: Examining Our Faith

Reading: James 1:2-8

Just as Abraham wrestled with his faith in God's promises, we too are called to examine our beliefs. James encourages us to consider trials as opportunities for growth. Reflect on your current challenges. How might God be using these to strengthen your faith? Remember, doubt isn't the opposite of faith, but a part of it. Pray for wisdom and courage to face your doubts, trusting that God will use them to deepen your relationship with Him.

Day 2: God's Impossible Promises

Reading: Genesis 18:1-15

Abraham and Sarah laughed at God's promise of a child in their old age. Yet God's plans often defy human logic. What "impossible" situations are you facing? How might God be inviting you to trust Him beyond your understanding? Consider areas where you've limited God's power in your life. Open your heart to His limitless possibilities, remembering that with God, all things are possible.

Day 3: Embracing Change and Growth

Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Abraham's name change signified a profound transformation in his identity and purpose. As believers, we too are made new in Christ. Reflect on how your faith has evolved over time. What old beliefs or practices might God be calling you to shed? What new understandings is He inviting you to embrace? Pray for openness to God's transforming work in your life, even when it challenges your comfort zone.

Day 4: Navigating Life's Complexities

Reading: Proverbs 3:5-6

Like making chili, our faith often involves blending various influences and experiences. We're called to navigate the complexities of life while staying rooted in God's truth. Consider the different "ingredients" shaping your faith journey – family, culture, personal experiences. How can you ensure God's wisdom remains the primary flavor? Ask for discernment to recognize His guidance amidst life's chaos.

Day 5: Living Out Personal Faith

Reading: Matthew 5:13-16

The sermon emphasized moving beyond inherited beliefs to develop a personal, lived-out faith. Jesus calls us to be salt and light, influencing the world around us. How can your unique faith journey become a testimony to others? Reflect on ways you can authentically express your beliefs in daily life. Pray for courage to let your light shine, even in challenging environments.