

# WELCOME TO WORD OF FAITH LIFE GROUPS **WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER**

## LIFE GROUP LESSON PLAN

*“How To Live Life The Faith Way” Pt. 6a*

**Thursday, March 2, 2023 – 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm**

*Teaching The Bible Through Practical Biblical Teaching*

**VIP Silver Saints - Conference Call: (717) 908-1834, 755875# – Dial \*6 to Mute**

### **OPENING PRAYER (2-3 MINUTES) WELCOME TO OUR GROUP (5 MINUTES)**

If this is your first time joining us, please introduce yourself! We are glad you took the time to join us today. Our group has four purposes:

- 1. L... Learning together from God's Word**
- 2. I... Interceding through prayer**
- 3. F... true Fellowship in the Spirit of Christ**
- 4. E...Evangelizing the lost**

### **PRAISE & WORSHIP (5 MINUTES)**

### **FACILITATION OF LESSON**

**Sermon Title:** *“How To Live Life The Faith Way” Pt.6a*

#### **POINT I**

Now let's look at Abraham's faith a little deeper. As we do ask yourself which of these describes my current faith status? Go back and listen to Thomas faith and then look at Abraham's faith.

The Thomas kind of faith believes after it sees, but the Abraham-kind of faith is faith that has the blessing attached! Abraham believed before he saw. The Abraham-kind of faith is faith that believes before it sees. **Romans 4:17** states, *“(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.”*

#### **QUESTION**

1. Why doesn't it make sense to the average person to call things that be not as though they were?

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**Verses 18-21** state,

*18 Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be. 19 And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb: 20 -- He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; 21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.*

Let's consider how Abraham's faith operated. First, Abraham got his words from God. God said in **Genesis 17:5**, "Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee."

## **QUESTION**

1. How did God jumpstart Abraham's faith? What should jumpstart your faith?

Abraham heard God say this at a time when he had no children at all. And here God said I have made you a father. Just a father would have been enough for someone who throughout his adult life felt he would never have a child. But the God who can do exceedingly and abundantly above all we can ask or think tells him I made thee a father of many nations.

Like most of us when God tells us something too good to be true or says something about us that it would take an act of God, he could have said the devil is a liar. That ain't God!

What did Abraham do before Isaac was born? Abram got in agreement with God and changed his name to Abraham.

## **QUESTIONS**

1. Has God ever told you something or ask you to do something beyond your comprehension? What was your reaction?
2. In order for God's plan to work what did Abraham have to do?

## **POINT II**

So, he had to go around and tell everyone including his wife; don't call me Abram anymore; from now on call me Abraham.

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I can hear someone now talking behind his back. *“Did you hear what he told us to call him. He wants us to call him Abraham, the Father of many Nations when he don’t even have one child, let alone a nation.”* I’m pretty sure he had to correct a lot of people. Just like some of the minister’s here have to correct a lot of people in the church when the title minister was added to their name. You have to respect the title that God has given them.

Eventually, everyone started calling Abram, Abraham! Every time his wife or his servants would call his name, they would be speaking what God said, when they said, Abraham, they were saying, you are a father of many nations.

### QUESTIONS

1. Why do think it is hard for people to accept the call of God on a person’s life when a title is attached to their name?
2. How does the title benefit the person receiving it?

### POINT III

Abraham trusted God and followed him step by step. He put **Proverbs 3:5-6** into action. **And it reads**, *“Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.* Abraham let God direct his path as he packed up his wife, his belongings, and left his homeland.

**Romans 4:18** says Abraham, *“Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.”* He believed in hope. That which was spoken gave substance to that hope. To that expectation. To that dream of having a son.

### QUESTIONS

1. How did Abraham put Proverbs 3:5,6 into action? Elaborate!
2. What was the progression of Abraham’s expectation?

### POINT IV

**Romans 4:19** states, *“And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb.”* He didn’t acknowledge the deadness of Sarah’s womb or the looks of his dead body. They didn’t have Viagra and all the other testosterone boosters we have today.



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## QUESTION

1. Why is it important to understand the magnitude of what Abraham had to believe God for?

Abraham knew that God was able to bring anything back to life. Verse 17 says, “17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.” The word “quickeneth” means to make alive, give life. It means to invigorate and arouse. It started with him believing in hope. Believing in the dream that God showed him.

At one time, just to keep him on track God showed Abraham the stars in **Genesis 15:5-6** where it states, “And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be. 6 And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.” He believed in hope! He believed that God could bring his and Sarah’s reproductive organs back to life, and that’s exactly what happened.

## QUESTIONS

1. Has God ever had to keep you on track for his will for your life? How did he do it?
2. How did the God of hope keep Abraham’s hope alive?

## POINT V

Abraham acknowledged that God could restore everything. He acknowledged that God could invigorate his and Sarah’s body and cause an arousing to happen that hadn’t happened in a long time.

Abraham didn’t need to feel anything in his body, nor did he rely on Sarah to tell him that her female organs had started functioning again. He simply believed the promise of the Lord. Abraham did not consider the circumstances. Weak faith considers conditions; strong faith considers God’s promises.

He didn’t consider what the facts said or what science said; he didn’t consider what everybody else thought his chances were of becoming the father of a great nation. He only considered what God said.

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## QUESTION

1. What is the difference between weak faith and strong faith as it related to Abraham?

## POINT VI

Listen we don't care what new variant comes out; don't go backwards! That's why we're teaching on faith. Because we don't ever want to see you go back to becoming faithless and not trusting God to see you though by hiding in your houses ever again.

We want you to be like the church Paul was speaking of in Thessalonica: **2 Thessalonians 1:3 AMP** which states, *"We ought always and indeed are morally obligated [as those in debt] to give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is fitting, because your faith is growing ever greater, and the [unselfish] love of each one of you toward one another is continually increasing."*

We want to see your faith growing greater and greater and greater and greater coupled with your unselfish love for each other continually increasing and increasing.

## QUESTIONS

1. What was Paul's desires for the church in Thessalonica?
2. What should we as the Church be doing?

I'm not showing love when I disobey what God says in **Hebrews 10:24 AMP**, *"And let us consider [thoughtfully] how we may encourage one another to love and to do good deeds,"* You can't do that from home. That was the devil's plan all alone. To attack your faith and keep you away from your fellow believers. They couldn't encourage you and you couldn't encourage them. **Verse 25** states, *"Not forsaking our meeting together [as believers for worship and instruction], as is the habit of some."* You are not going to be in that category of the some! But you are going to have a made-up mind that nothing will be able to separate you from church ever again.

I'm not going to be *forsaking our meeting together [as believers for worship and instruction], as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more [faithfully] as you see the day [of Christ's return] approaching.* Because when Jesus cracks the sky he's going to see faith.

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## QUESTIONS

1. What was the Devil's plan all along during the pandemic?
2. How is it that I'm not showing love when I don't show up for church?
3. What kind of made-up mind should I have?

## POINT VII

**2 Thessalonians 1:4** states, *"Therefore, we speak of you with pride among the churches of God."* I want to speak of you with pride among all the other churches that may shut down or tell their people to go into hibernation, or tell their people to believe the science! Paul says *"Therefore, we speak of you with pride among the churches of God for your steadfastness [your unflinching endurance, and patience] and your **firm faith** in the **midst of all the persecution and [crushing] distress** which you endure."* Your faith has to be firm when you are faced with trying times that may come in the days ahead.

## QUESTION

1. How should people speak of us that know how to stand in faith?
2. Where should your faith be when facing trying times?

## CALL - TIME OF DECISION (EVERYONE BOW YOUR HEADS)

## PRAISE REPORTS - \*2-MINUTES PER PERSON

## PRAYER FOCUS / INDIVIDUAL PRAYER REQUEST (10 MINUTES)

### **Prayer focus:**

- 1) Your Circle (friends and family)
- 2) Life Group members
- 3) Word of Faith Leadership:
  - a. Pastor Ronald D. Walker, Jr., Evangelist Sharon L. Walker, Minister Promise Walker, Brittany and Christian, Carmelo and the ministerial staff.
  - b. Bishop Keith A. Butler and Pastor Deborah Butler

**Have you reached out to your circle today?**



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### ANNOUNCEMENTS (5 MINUTES)

1. **PISTIS School of Ministry registration for the 2023-2024** is now open. Pistis is a two-year comprehensive ministerial training program that is available online. If you have a full-time ministry call on your life and desire ministerial training, then the Pistis School of Ministry is the right school for you. Our training will give you the necessary tools to succeed in ministry.

**Classes Begin:** August 26, 2023

**Deadline to Register:** July 15, 2023

**For more information, please see Minister Abbott.**

2. Join **Generation 6:20 Youth Ministry for Friday Night Live, Friday, March 3, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.** The admission to Friday Night Live is \$1.00. For more information contact Minister Julie Francis.
3. Join us for **Holy Communion Service, Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.** If you are joining us online, prepare your communion elements in advance so that we can break bread together.
4. Join us for **Baby Dedication, Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.** To register contact the church office at (340) 774-8617.
5. Join the **VIP Silver Saints** for as they learn to ZOOM. **Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> immediately following service.** Please bring your electronic device ( Phone, Ipad or computer.) For more information contact Minister Irene Williams.
6. The SWAT led 37 people to the Lord at Kmart town on **Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.** Join the **SWAT Team** for their next SWAT Outing, **Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> and March 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am.** For more information contact Minister Francis.
7. **2022 marked Word of Faith's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.** We're selling coffee mugs with a special design to commemorate this momentous occasion. The price per cup is \$12.00 and orders must be prepaid. The minimum quantity needed to place an order is 100 cups. For more information or to place your order please see Sister Stacy Gregoire.

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8. Join “*Read Along with Word of Faith*” for its’ upcoming Small Talks Series on the following subjects.
  - a. The Word of God and Money with Dr. Tamara Lang – **Tuesday, March 14th at 7:30 p.m.**
  - b. Trusting God when building or buying a home with Minister Jennifer Bachelor **Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.**

The meetings will be held on ZOOM and Facebook. Meeting ID is **Meeting ID: 844 8529 1794 Passcode: 202540**. Don’t miss out!

9. Join us for Early Morning Prayer, **Monday- Friday from 6:00 am - 7:00 am** and Saturday’s at 10:00 am. Join us on the Miracle Line on Tuesday’s and Thursday’s at 11:00 am by conference call, Facebook, YouTube and the Word of Faith Website. The call-in number for the Early Morning Prayer and the Miracle Line is (717) 908-1834, access code 755875#.
10. Then Join us for Noon Day Prayer, with Evangelist Sharon Walker. Join us for 1-hour to pray. This is an In-person Prayer Service at Word of Faith.
11. Monetary donations are being accepted to be a blessing to those truly in need. When making your donation to please write “*Gift for WOFICC CARES.*” **WOFICC CARES** about our church family! **WOFICC CARES** about our community! **WOFICC CARES** about the Islands of the Caribbean!

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