Growing in God's Faith

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In this day of social media and "selfishness" God is still calling us to live by His Faith.

"Έχετε πίστιν θεοῦ" (Have the Faith of God). The Word also tells us "δίκαιός μου, ἐκ πίστεως ζήσεται" Mark 11:22, Hebrew 10:38 (the righteous of mine by faith will live).

There is a multitude of distractions like social media and other narcissistic activities, which hinder and distract us from being still and hearing the voice of God, but the Word says:

Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. Psalm 46:10

God has created us for a purpose, we did not create ourselves. He has a plan for our lives that is predestined, and it is our job to find out what that plan is, and then carry out that plan by actions of **the faith that He has given us**.

We read in Romans 12 that God has give all that present their bodies a living sacrifice a measure of faith, all we need to do is to believe that, and to put it to work through words and actions.

For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also. James 2:26

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as *God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.* Romans 12:1-3

Our father Abraham was told that in his seed all the nations would be blessed. Yet, he and Sarah did not even have one child. God spoke and Abraham believed it and now it was only a matter of time before it actually would come to pass.

All Abraham needed to do was to stay the course and keep the faith, and God would do the rest.

And being not week in faith he considered not his own body..... He staggered not at the promises of God through unbelief, but was strong in faith giving glory to God, and being fully persuaded that what he had promised he was also able to perform. Romans 4:19-21

Abraham believed, and his faith kept getting stronger as 25 years past by, until the day came when the promise was fulfilled and Sarah gave birth to Isaac.

Even the moment of conception could be likened unto the moment when <u>faith</u> for a particular matter is born in our heart. We conceive the Word of God, and now it is only a matter of time until that conception will give birth to the promise (Isaac).

Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive *them*, and ye shall have *them*. Mark 11:24

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