

Faith When You Can't See the Finish Line Week 1

Faith means trusting God's promises even when you don't see the outcome.

Have you ever planned something perfectly... and it **fell apart**?

Clark Griswold Moment: Perfect Christmas → chaos (lights, tree, turkey).

Question: Where in your life have your expectations and reality not matched?

Life and faith rarely go as planned.

God sometimes says, "Go" without giving the plan.

Abraham's Call

Genesis 12:1–9 (NLT) 1 The Lord had said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you. 2 I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. 3 I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you." 4 So Abram left, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran. 5 He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the wealth and livestock they had accumulated, and the people they had acquired in Haran, and they set out for the land of Canaan. They arrived there, 6 and Abram traveled through the land as far as the sacred tree at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were living in the land. 7 Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "I will give this land to your descendants." And Abram built an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. 8 From there he continued on toward the hills east of Bethel, and he pitched his tent with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built another altar and worshiped the Lord.

God doesn't give the "how," just the "Who."

Abraham obeys—no debate, no delay.

Faith = trusting the **Who**, even without knowing the **how**.

Faith isn't comfortable

Abraham left everything familiar.

Faith = stepping into <u>uncertainty</u> with confidence in God.

Clark had **plan**, not faith in God.

Abraham had faith in **God**, not the plan.

Power in the Text (Genesis 12:4) "So Abram went, as the Lord had told him."

Obedience = where **faith** lives.

Trust > control

Faith isn't just action—it's trusting God's **promises**.

"Lord, strengthen our **faith** as we step into the unknown."

Identify one area where God is asking you to step out in **faith**. Write it down. Pray over it.

Take one step forward this week—even if **small**. My "Go" this week is

Waiting until you understand = <u>never</u> moving. God blesses <u>obedience</u>, not clarity. Your step of faith could plant a <u>seed</u> for a future miracle.

Abraham didn't know where he was going, but he knew Who.

Take your next step of **faith** even without seeing the finish line.

"Faith isn't about seeing the plan—it's about trusting the **Planner**."