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### Abraham's Example Of Faith

- Phase 1: **DREAM (Age 75)** [Genesis 12:1-3](#)  
God: "I will make you into a great nation..."
- Phase 2: **DECISION** [Genesis 12:4](#)  
So Abraham left as the Lord had told him to...
- Phase 3: **DELAY (Age 86)** [Genesis 16:1](#)  
But Sarah still had not borne any children...
- Phase 4: **DIFFICULTY (Age 99)** [Genesis 17-18](#)  
How can a son be born to a man my age?
- Phase 5: **DEAD END** [Genesis 18:12](#)  
Sarah laughed silently... "A woman my age have a baby? And with a husband as old as mine?"
- Phase 6: **DELIVERANCE** [Genesis 21:2](#)  
Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, **at the very time God had promised him.**

### What To Do When You Reach A Dead End

#### 1. Remember \_\_\_\_\_.

Abraham believed in God who **gives life to the dead** and who **creates something out of nothing.** [Romans 4:17 \(NCV\)](#)

When hope was dead within him, Abraham went on hoping in faith... **He relied on the word of God...** [Romans 4:18 \(PHILLIPS\)](#)

Though it seemed Abraham's hope could not be fulfilled... he did become the father of many nations, **exactly as God had promised.** [Romans 4:18 \(PHILLIPS\)](#)

#### 2. Face \_\_\_\_\_.

Without weakening in his faith, **he faced the fact** that his body was as good as dead... and Sarah's womb was also dead. Yet he **didn't waver with unbelief...** [Romans 4:19-20 \(NIV\)](#)

**Faith is facing the \_\_\_\_\_ in our life**

**without being \_\_\_\_\_ by them.**

#### 3. Expect \_\_\_\_\_.

Abraham never doubted. He believed God, for his faith and trust grew ever stronger, and **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 \(TLB\)](#)

**For your own notes:**

**Daily Bible Readings**

**Mon**—[Matthew 19:16-30](#)//**Tue**—[Matthew 20:1-16](#)

**Wed**—[Matthew 20:17-34](#)//**Thu**—[Matthew 21:1-22](#)

**Fri**—[Matthew 21:23-46](#)//**Sat/Sun**—[Matthew 22:1-22; 23-46](#)

**Join us online or in-person next weekend for:**

***LET'S GO!, Part 5***

**Weekend Service Times:**

Sat. at **6:15 p.m.** & Sun. at **10:30 a.m.** & **12:15 p.m.**