

A Journey of Faith (Part 8)
A Study of the Life of Abraham

(Gen. 18)

*“How to Answer the Really Tough Questions
With Your Faith”*

Introduction: No doubt life’s difficult situations can cause us to ask a lot of tuff questions: When it comes to our journey of faith; we also encounter some tough questions along the way. Most of our tough questions can be summarized in three categories, *God’s ability, God’s strategy and God’s integrity*. But, as we continue to follow Abraham on this journey of faith, we’ll see as he does, God is not only better than our questions, He is better than our faith. *That’s why faith is the answer to all the really tough questions.*

I. Faith is the answer to the question of God’s ability:(1-15)

A. Abraham’s reaction to the presence of the Lord –

- 1. Abraham worships the Lord (v2) (Mt.18:20)**
- 2. Abraham welcomes the Lord (v. 3-5) “. . .do not pass your servant by.” (v.3b) (Ps 90:12.) (see also Psalm 25:4).**
- 3. Abraham works for the Lord –**

Note: (Rom.12:13; 1 Pe. 4:9; Heb.13:1,2; Mt.25:31-46)

B. The reaction of Sarah to the presence of the Lord – (she represents many today.)

- 1. Sarah is sincere –**
- 2. Sarah is spiritually confused –**
- 3. Sarah is skeptical – (vv. 12, 13)**
- 4. Sarah is stressed –**

Look at what the Lord says (v. 14)

Honestly, many of us act, as if we believe many things are too hard for God!

God showed up to let Abraham and Sarah know, when He makes a promise, He keeps it (no matter how hard it seems)! (Job 42:2; Jer 32:17; Rom. 8:14 Eph.3:20,21)

II. Faith is the answer to the question of God’s strategy: (16-21)

A. God demonstrates His relationship with Abraham

- 1. Abraham is given the special title** of “The friend of God.”
- 2. Abraham is given a special time -** (Rom 8:34) We are never more like our Lord than when we are interceding for others in prayer!.

B. God desires this kind of relationship with us

- 1. When we are intimate with God we see our relationship with God as a friendship –**
- 2. When we are intimate with God we see our relationship with God as a partnership –**
- 3. When we are intimate with God we see our relationship with God as a stewardship –**

Having a knowledge of God’s plans – We have a responsibility to pray, work beside and do all we can while we can, by God’s power to bring about His perfect will where He is working. (2 Pe. 2:5,6; 3:7,10) (Lk.17:26-32)

III. Faith is the answer to the question of God’s Integrity: (22-33)

A. Abraham had to settle the Justice issue of God in his own heart - (v.25) (Ps 33:5; 145:17; 9:8)

B. Abraham had to Settled the sovereignty issue of God in his own heart

C. Abraham had to settle the trust issue with God in his own heart –

Conclusion: No doubt life’s difficult situations can cause us to ask a lot of tuff questions: But it is not the questions; but rather how we answer those questions that is important.

One thing is for sure; our faith in the Lord is the answer to all your tough questions! The relationship Abraham had with God brought him to this conclusion; there is nothing too hard for God!

And God wants to have this same kind of relationship with you today!