

FAITHFULNESS TO GOD

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When the call of God first came to me, it was not completely clear. I just knew God called me to follow Him further than before. He called me to go and give myself, but He didn't give me clear instructions of where to go and what to do. I have never been one of those people that has a clear and distinct call from God to minister to a certain group of people or demographic, but I knew God spoke and I needed to obey. I had full confidence that if He called me and I was following Him wholeheartedly, then there would never be a day when I would be forsaken or deserted. Somehow, by the grace of God, I had the understanding at a young age that if I obeyed God's command nothing could go wrong. I knew God's promises were embedded in the call He had placed in my heart. This understanding may be partly why Abraham's story is one of my favorites.

Abraham was called by God to leave his father's house and his country and travel to a place God would show him. He didn't even know where he was going; he was just told to go. God would show him where when he needed to know. Abraham heard God's voice and obeyed. Abraham was given promises that were contingent on his obedience to the call. God told Abraham, "If you go...I will bless." It sounds simple, but it's always much harder when the rubber the meets the road.

We must remember God's calling on our lives is always accompanied by His promises. He is faithful when He calls us to do His will. He will not call you and leave you stranded. So you think you aren't capable of doing what God has asked you to do? I've heard it asked before, "Does God call the equipped or equip the called?" The answer is yes. God does both; He uses those who have been blessed with certain natural giftings, but at the same time He also uses those without spectacular giftings because He knows His glory will be revealed in their obedience. Serving God is less about what you are able to do, and much more about what you are willing to do.

That is where I found myself, and I feel many young adults do too. We receive a call from God but don't know what to do or where to go. I follow Abraham's example of unquestionable faithfulness. Regardless of what God asked him to do, he remained faithful. He held on to the promise when it didn't make sense to do so. When I left home to go to Bible college, it didn't make sense to a lot of people because it was an unaccredited college. When they asked me what I was going to do in ministry I didn't have an answer like most who say, "I feel called to be a missionary to this country..." or "God called me to be a youth minister." My answer was, "Uh, I'm not sure where God is going to take me, but I know He called me and told me to go there for now. We'll see where it goes from there and what doors He'll open when the time comes." Most were very supportive, but there were a handful that didn't understand at all. Thankfully, by God's grace, I continued forward. Since then (that was about eight years ago), I have seen God come through in many miraculous ways. From financial blessings, to peace of mind, to salvation for loved ones, to open doors in ministry, to open doors for a career—God has come through and exceeded my imagination.

I pray you remember God's call is accompanied by His promise. He is not slack concerning His promises. If you obey, He will bless. I pray you will follow His call wholeheartedly and trust Him completely to come through for you. I pray you will be confident that if God has called you, He will absolutely come through on the promise He has made to you. Stay faithful to Him against all odds. He is more than able, and always faithful.