

Last week, I focused the sermon on a psalm of David. He began by saying: “To you O Lord I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust.” The main point of that message was that there are times in our lives where all we can do is throw up our hands and say “To you O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust.” That in itself is a leap of faith because we are turning it over to God and trusting that HE will take care of it.

Our life is one of faith where we attempt to live in our relationship with God. We attempt to let God rule in all that we do and trust that HE will see us through all that we experience.

Now it is interesting to me that right as I wrote that last sentence, a magician on tv asked a guy if he trusted him to which he immediately responded that he did. And so the magician closed the curtains and when he opened them again, there was a lady standing there. It was a trick that floored everyone.

I find this interesting because with magicians, many people are willing to jump in and trust at the blink of an eye and yet with God, people aren't always so trusting. Abraham is lifted up for us as a good example of stepping out in faith and trusting what God has to say.

God had told Abraham that he would be the father of many nations and Abraham believed him even though he was almost 100 years old and his wife Sarah was also old and barren. She had never been able to give Abraham one child so one should have wondered about believing God when HE said Abraham would be the father of many nations.

But Abraham did believe. Abraham did trust in what God had told him and just as God had said, Abraham became the father of many nations and his wife Sarah gave birth to their son Isaac.

Abraham grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God. He trusted and believed and lived in the promises that God made with him.

We also have promises that God made to us. We all know how Christ Jesus died and rose from the dead so that we may have life. We have the promise of forgiveness. We also have received the Holy Spirit to help and guide us throughout our life.

Sometimes the challenges in our life are pretty big and cause us to wonder if God really is with us. Sometimes we are so overwhelmed that we wonder if God really cares. Sometimes we are so caught up in our own lives that we don't have time to notice what God has been doing for us. But these don't change the fact that God is still working through and for each one of us because of HIS love for us.

And so all we need to do is stay strong in our faith just as Abraham stayed strong in his. There are a number of ways to help us stay strong in our faith and one of the best ways for me is to talk about what I believe with others. By sharing what I believe with another and then listening to what they believe, I am able to shape my faith in God. I am able to grow in my relationship with God.

When we grow in our relationship with God, then we also know that God is with us. There are times where we may laugh as Abraham did, but in the end, we trust in what God tells us. We are strengthened and comforted in knowing that God is active in us and will keep HIS promises to us.