

Immersed pt5 Seeing Is Believing Faith Filled Imagination Activates the Blessing

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- **The delay, disappointment, and the demonic can hinder us from seeing and moving forward in faith. These things paint a picture of defeat and failure. The picture of doubt hinders our faith.**
- Since God first gave him the promise, Abraham saw famine (12:10), family issues (12:10-20), Lot taken captive and battle with enemies (14). Not to mention it was years with no baby!
- Abraham learned to see in the dark in Genesis 15. It was likely in the darkness of the AM before the sun comes out and the stars are still visible. God through a vision, gives Abraham vision (stars of the sky = promise fulfilled.)
- When Abraham focused on the picture of the stars, he does not become flawless, but he becomes faithful.
- Abraham is our example of walking by faith. [Rom 4:16-21 NASB95] 16 For this reason [it is] by faith, in order that [it may be] in accordance with grace, so that the promise will be guaranteed to all the descendants, not only to those who are of the Law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, 17 (as it is written, "A FATHER OF MANY NATIONS HAVE I MADE YOU") in the presence of Him whom he believed, [even] God, who gives life to the dead and calls into being that which does not exist. 18 In hope against hope he believed, so that he might become a father of many nations according to that which had been spoken, "SO SHALL YOUR DESCENDANTS BE." 19 Without becoming weak in faith he contemplated his own body, now as good as dead since he was about a hundred years old, and the deadness of Sarah's womb; 20 yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God, 21 and being fully assured that what God had promised, He was able also to perform.
- Clinton Assembly family life center vision and reality. Many miracles started with what I was seeing. First, heard about the power of a faith-filled imagination from Andrew Wommack. Kenneth Hagin, How To Write Your Own Ticket With God, (say it, do it, receive it, tell it), never explained receive it. Dr. Cho, 4th Dimension, imagine a chair, desk, and bike.

How can we learn to see God's promises that activates the blessing?

God's interaction with Abraham in Gen. 15 shows us four important truths about seeing His Promises to activate the blessing.

- I. Our faith-filled imagination activates the blessing because it is focused on His Word.**
 - a. [Gen 15:1 NASB95] 1 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not fear, Abram, I am a shield to you; Your reward shall be very great."
 - b. The Word is active.
 - i. [Heb 4:12 NASB95] 12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
 - ii. [Isa 55:11 NASB95] 11 So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding [in the matter] for which I sent it.

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- c. The Word is sight giving. The Bible creates a vision of what God wants for us now and not yet.
- d. Keep the Word of God in your mind by reading, studying it, and memorizing it.

II. Our faith-filled imagination activated the blessing because it is focused on Him.

- a. [Gen 15:1 NASB95] 1 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not fear, Abram, I am a shield to you; Your reward shall be very great."
- b. Focusing on Him removes fear. Most often repeated command with the most often repeated promise.
- c. Focusing on Him receives protection. He is our shield.
- d. Focusing on Him connects us to a reward. [Heb 11:6 NASB95] 6 And without faith it is impossible to please [Him,] for he who comes to God must believe that He is and [that] He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.
- e. Keep focused on Him through prayer, worship, and mediation.

III. Our faith-filled imagination activates the blessing because it is not focused on other things.

- a. [Gen 15:2-4 NASB95] 2 Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will You give me, since I am childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" 3 And Abram said, "Since You have given no offspring to me, one born in my house is my heir." 4 Then behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "This man will not be your heir; but one who will come forth from your own body, he shall be your heir."
- b. Focusing on other things creates questions about God.
- c. Focusing on other things creates alternative ideas.
- d. Focusing on other things keeps looking at the "how" instead of the "Who" and "what".
- e. The temptation to focus other things is real, yet by decision and the power of the Holy Spirit we are focusing on Him and what He has promised, leaving the "HOW" up to Him.

IV. Our faith-filled imagination activates the blessing because it connects us to Jesus by faith.

- a. [Gen 15:5-6 NASB95] 5 And He took him outside and said, "Now look toward the heavens, and count the stars, if you are able to count them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be." 6 Then he believed in the LORD; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.
- b. Seeing by eyes of faith helps us cross over the faith line.
- c. Seeing by eyes of faith connects us to Jesus.
- d. Learning to imagine God's blessing taking place in your life, takes you to another level with God.

- Allow the Word and His Presence to create a vision that you focus on until it manifests.
- What are you seeing through eyes of faith happening in your life that God has promised you?