

Climbing the mountain of faith.

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Abraham

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[Gen 15:6](#) NASB Then he believed in the LORD; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Faith for justification.

[Rom 4:2-3](#) NASB (2) For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. (3) For what does the Scripture say?
"ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS CREDITED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS."

Justification is our acceptance before God as not guilty because our sins are no longer counted against us.

[Gen 17:3-5](#) NASB Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying, (4) "As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, And you will be the father of a multitude of nations. (5) "No longer shall your name be called Abram, But your name shall be Abraham; For I have made you the father of a multitude of nations.

Covenant Keeping Faith

May God make you like Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah.

The blessing for the girls asks the Lord to make them righteous women of God, just like the matriarchs of the Bible: Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah. These women serve as prime examples of how to be strong through difficult times and how to be faithful to God and to the family.

May God make you like Ephraim and Menasheh.

First brothers in the Bible who not born as competitors – outside the promised land, keep the ways of the covenant in a society that is not supportive

[Num 6:24-26](#) NASB The LORD bless you, and keep you; (25) The LORD make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you; (26) The LORD lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace.'

Miracle Working Faith

The struggles have refined you but will not define you

[Gen 22:9](#) NASB Then they came to the place of which God had told him; and Abraham built the altar there and arranged the wood, and bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.

[Gen 22:10-14](#) NASB Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. (11) But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." (12) He said, "Do not stretch out your hand against the lad, and do nothing to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me."

[Jas 2:21](#) NASB Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar?

(13) Then Abraham raised his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him a ram caught in the thicket by his horns; and Abraham went and took the ram and offered him up for a burnt offering in the place of his son. (14) Abraham called the name of that place The LORD Will Provide, as it is said to this day, "In the mount of the LORD it will be provided."

Stretch your faith. Lean into what god is calling you to rebuild and look for the ram in the bush.