

pause

learning to wait on God

Abraham

The life of faith is a series of first steps. Accepting and trusting God's word in all circumstances involves real human struggle with real life consequences.

Abraham is a great model of faith for us as we learn to wait on God not because he was perfect, but because he was persistent.

1. Like it was with Abraham, it might be hard to leave behind most anything that is so familiar. What might be some of the advantages of doing so?
2. Many times our circumstances change during a time of “pause.” Am I willing to embrace what God has in store for me in the ‘unknown’? What might prevent me from doing that?
3. Like Abram, it is hard not to ‘wrestle’ with God’s promises and ask ‘when’ and ‘why’ questions. What does that tell me about walking by my faith in God?
4. When unforeseen circumstances arise, we tend to cautiously draw back; and rightly so. However, what are some ways my acts of ‘self-preservation’ tend to replace the purpose God has for my life to serve others?
5. We have heard the phrase, “there is always someone who is in a worse condition than me.” Indeed, that is true. How can I be more persistent in seeing the needs of others even when my own needs seem to go unmet?
6. How does putting to death “what is earthly” and putting on a new being affect how you relate to others (see Col 3:5–17)?
7. In the midst of the uncertainty, how can I live a life of faith in God this week?