

RECOVERY ROAD

Part 2

An Anchor for Your Journey

INTRODUCTION

Every person is on a journey:

To: A better job.

A better marriage.

A more purpose-filled future.

A better relationship with your kids.

2. From: Un-forgiveness

Depression

Hurt

Broken-heartedness

Each of us is on a road to recover something that was lost or discover something for which we've been hoping.

Everyone in the world is on a journey, but some are succeeding while others are failing miserably. **What is the difference?**

Wise people find the markers, the immovable landmarks that will be their guide when their own sense fails them.

Within every human heart is a limit. When you find yourself reaching the limit - what do you do?

Most of us fight or run. We dig in or we bail out.

Either way you can't win.

So what does God think about these seasons of life and how do we hold our heart in the process?

THE STORY OF ABRAHAM

That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. (Romans 4:16–21 ESV)

A huge promise and a huge change.

Called to leave his homeland at around 75 years old.

Had to wait 25 years for the promise to be fulfilled - AFTER a major step of obedience.

This is the journey for SO MANY OF US:

The promise comes.

We respond.

We wait.

A closer look at the scripture (Romans 4:16-21).

...in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Abraham believed that God could call into existence the things that do not exist.

He is the Creator of the ingredients needed for the promise given.

...In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations,

Abraham hoped against hope.

Hope in the New Testament world vs hope in the Old Testament world.

Hope in the Hebrew mind: (Hope that things will go according to plan.)

- Hope we have a baby.
- Hope we don't get sick this year.
- Hope that once we graduate we'll get a job.
- Hope we have enough money to retire.
- Hope your husband remembers Valentines Day!

d. **Hope "Post-Cross":**

- Hope that is seen through the lens of one who believes that God raised His Son from the dead.
- Hope because all the promises of God are verified and fulfilled in the work of Jesus.
- Hope that supersedes circumstantial desires.

3. *He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body.*

Consider: to observe, notice, look

4. *No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God.*

No unbelief: failing of faith

Waver: dispute or judge

The promise of God: Even when his faith faltered, he did not veer from the course that God had him on.

5. *...fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.*

C. **The God who said He will...Will.**