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¹ The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you. ² I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. Genesis 12:1-2 (NLT)

⁸ It was by faith that Abraham obeyed when God called him to leave home and go to another land that God would give him as his inheritance. He went without knowing where he was going. Hebrews 11:8 (NLT)

Seasons of Doubt

1. We make life _____ from a heart of ruled by

¹¹ As he was approaching the border of Egypt, Abram said to his wife, Sarai, "Look, you are a very beautiful woman. ¹² When the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife. Let's kill him; then we can have her!' ¹³ So please tell them you are my sister. Then they will spare my life and treat me well because of their interest in you."

Genesis 12:11-13 (NLT)

2. We get _____ of God

¹Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had not been able to bear children for him. But she had an Egyptian servant named Hagar. ² So Sarai said to Abram, "The LORD has prevented me from having children. Go and sleep with my servant. Perhaps I can have children through her." And Abram agreed with Sarai's proposal. Genesis 16:1-2 (NLT)

3. We don't _____ that God will come _____

¹⁷ Then Abraham bowed down to the ground, but he laughed to himself in disbelief. "How could I become a father at the age of 100?" he thought. "And how can Sarah have a baby when she is ninety years old?"

Genesis 17:17 (NLT)

¹² So she laughed silently to herself and said, "How could a worn-out woman like me enjoy such pleasure, especially when my master—my husband—is also so old?" ¹³ Then the LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh? Why did she say, 'Can an old woman like me have a baby?' ¹⁴ Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return about this time next year, and Sarah will have a son."

Genesis 18:12-14 (NLT)

A Lifetime of Faith

¹⁹ And Abraham's faith did not weaken, even though, at about 100 years of age, he figured his body was as good as dead—and so was Sarah's womb. ²⁰ Abraham never wavered in believing God's promise. In fact, his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God. ²¹ He was fully convinced that God is able to do whatever he promises.Romans 4:19-21 (NLT)

My Next Step Today Is To...

- Believe and receive Jesus as my Savior and Lord.
- Look to God during this season of doubt finding in Him the faith that I need to keep believing
- Affirm my commitment that my family, as far as is in my power, will exemplify a household of faith
- Meditate on and/or memorize Romans 4:21