

## **Build This House Part 2 “Imagine The Possibilities”**

### **Message Recap**

Faith requires us as believers to see things as they will be, not how they are. Faith looks at the possibilities, even when they go against all of the probabilities. When we are able to see with spiritual eyes, not physical eyes, we begin to live a life of faith. Faith is based in part on our imagination. Children have wonderful imaginations and are able to see things in their minds that adults struggle to see. As we get older, we tend to become less imaginative and more analytical, looking at facts and life experiences to inform our decisions. But Jesus tells his disciples in Matthew 18:3, *“Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven”*. This child-like faith is what He is looking for. It is the ability to imagine and believe that whatever God said, *is possible and will happen*.

Sometimes, we can become stuck in our thinking, and our faith suffers. Occasionally, we need to leave our current location in order to see what God has for us from a new perspective. Abraham was stuck in a season of hopelessness, having no children to carry on his legacy. But God gave him a vision and asked him to leave where he was in order to change his perspective. Abraham acted in faith, and because of that, he was able to see His promises, not only for himself, but for the thousands of generations to come. Our faith has a purpose-not to hoard the blessings God gives, but to bless those around us and across the earth.

### **Read and Discuss**

#### **Read Luke 18:1-8**

1. What does it mean to be found in faith, not found in fear?
2. What role does consistency play in our everyday faith?

#### **Read Hebrews 11:1**

1. What are some things that can get in the way of our confidence in God’s promises?
2. What are you currently believing for that you can’t yet see?

#### **Read Genesis 15**

1. What did God’s promise to Abraham mean for us?
2. What blessings/promises has God given you that are also meant for you to share with those around you?

### **Daily Takeaways**

1. Choose your source
2. Remember what He’s done in the past
3. If you have a need, sow a seed

**Luke 18:1-8**

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. 2 He said: “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. 3 And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’

4 “For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, 5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack me!’”

6 And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. 7 And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? 8 I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”

**Hebrews 11:1**

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

**Hebrews 11:6**

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

**Genesis 15:1-6**

After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision:

“Do not be afraid, Abram.  
I am your shield,[a]  
your very great reward.[b]”

2 But Abram said, “Sovereign Lord, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit[c] my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” 3 And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.”

4 Then the word of the Lord came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.” 5 He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring[d] be.”

6 Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.