

**FAST FOCUS, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2017
FASTING INSTRUCTIONS**

**WE WILL FAST from 6AM TUESDAY MORNING UNTIL 6PM TUESDAY
EVENING**

**WE WILL ABSTAIN FROM ALL FOODS EXCEPT FRUIT AND
VEGETABLES**

**PLEASE DEVOTE THIS TIME TO READING YOUR BIBLE AND
PRAYER AS TIME PERMITS**

**We will observe the fast by abstaining from all foods except WATER and
JUICE**

**Please consult your physician if you are insulin dependent, an expectant or nursing
mother or if you have a pre-existing medical condition. While fasting is a
spiritually fulfilling exercise, God would not command a physical exercise that
would harm His people physically or emotionally**

“By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance,
obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.” Hebrews 11:8

Operating in “Daring Faith” is risky. It can make us feel vulnerable, uncertain, scared,
lost, disoriented, etc. This year, as a community of faith, we have been called upon to exercise
daring faith. We have been called upon to imagine the impossible and go for it! Without a
doubt, it is always easier to imagine ourselves starting the business, buying the home, going
back to school, fulfilling our callings, or reinventing our lives, but there is always a gap between
the exercising of our faith and fruition. This gap can be filled with defining moments; defining
moments that present us with an opportunity to wholeheartedly follow God or to retreat. It is
easier to retreat when we are faced with the unknown.

However, the Bible is filled with examples of people who were called upon to exercise daring faith and to take risks. The record is that by faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. The part of this scripture that so richly blesses me is this: he obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. Isn't that what faith requires of us? It sometimes requires us to trust God without the details. But, for those of us who are concrete sequential and like details, this can be problematic. A lack of details from God concerning our future has a unique way of disrupting our equilibrium. A lack of details from God can sometimes cause us to retreat and not pursue the promise. But, this verse of scripture reminds us that when God places a dream, call, or purpose in our hearts, God has every intent of seeing it through to completion.

The writer says that Abraham was called to go to a place that he would later receive as his inheritance. Why is this relevant for us? This is relevant because it is a divine reminder that when we obey the beckoning voice of God, when we answer the call to venture into uncharted territory, we can always be assured that as we take a leap of faith towards God, we will obtain the promise. Mark Batterson, author of *Draw the Circle*, puts it this way, "crazy miracles are the offspring of crazy faith."

Action Items

- What has God placed in your heart to do that you have been afraid to do? Ask God to help you overcome fear and gain the courage to have daring, crazy faith.
- Create space in your prayer time to pray specifically for the dream, business, goal, etc. that God has placed within your heart.

- Talk to people you know who took a great leap of faith to trust God and are now walking in their promise or destiny.

Prayer:

God, we are thankful that you call us to have daring, crazy faith. We know that when you call us to the unimaginable, you always have a plan to bring us to the place of promise. We pray that you would strengthen our faith where it is weak and we pray for the courage to trust you when we don't have the details. Thank you that your plan is always to give us hope and to bring us to an expected end. We trust your guiding, providing hand in our lives and we give you thanks for it in Jesus name, Amen.

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