

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS:

- I will memorize **Romans 4:20–21 (NIV)**
- I will accept Christ for the first time or recommit my life to Christ
- I will join the New Life church family
- I will trust God to deliver me from a "dead-end" situation

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HOW TO DEVELOP A STRONGER FAITH

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ABRAHAM'S EXAMPLE OF FAITH

- **Phase 1: A DREAM (Age 75) Genesis 12:1-3**
(God) "I will make you into a great nation..."
- **Phase 2: A DECISION Genesis 12:4**
"So Abraham left as the Lord had told him to..."
- **Phase 3: DELAY (Age 86) Genesis 16:1**
"But Sarah still had not borne any children..."
- **Phase 4: DIFFICULTY (Age 99) Genesis 17:18**
"How can a son be born to a man my age?"
- **Phase 5: DEADEND Genesis 21:1-6, 22:1-12**
"Take your only son, whom you love, and sacrifice him..."
- **Phase 6: DELIVERANCE! Genesis 22:12-14**
(God) "Don't hurt the boy...I've provided a lamb..."

HOW GOD USES DEAD-END SITUATIONS TO DEVELOP YOUR FAITH

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU REACH A "DEADEND"

Romans 4:17 20

I _____ ON WHAT GOD HAS SAID.

"In God's sight. As it is written: I have made you the father of many nations. He believed in God, who gives life to the dead and calls things into existence that do not exist."

Romans 4:17 (HCSB)

"So, when God told Abraham that he would give him a son who would have many descendants and become a great nation, Abraham believed God even though such a promise just couldn't come to pass!" **Romans 4:18 (LB)**

He replied, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

Luke 18:27 (HCSB)

I _____ THE FACTS WITH FAITH.

*"Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah's womb was also dead." **Romans 4:19 (NIV)***

I _____ GOD IN SPITE OF MY CIRCUMSTANCES.

MEMORY VERSE: *"Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised."*

Romans 4:20–21 (NIV)

I _____ GOD TO KEEP HIS PROMISE TO ME.

*"Now the Lord was gracious to Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah what he had promised. Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the very time God had promised him." **Genesis 21:1–2 (NIV)***

I _____ GOD MORE THAN HIS PROMISE.

*"By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son." **Hebrews 11:17 (NIV)***

*He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you." **Genesis 22:5 (NIV)***

*"When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son." **Genesis 22:9–10 (NIV)***

*"Do not lay a hand on the boy, he said. Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son. Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son." **Genesis 22:12–13 (NIV)***

**WHEN I REACH A DEAD END, I _____
_____ GOD TO DELIVER.**