FAITH COMMUNITY

Our Faith Isn't Blind Faith

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"For we live by faith, not by sight." **2 Corinthians 5:7**

"But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead," **Philippians 3:13**

"God is doing a new thing. Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streets in the wilderness." **Isaiah 42:19**

God story in history:
Noah – And he Believed, Obeyed and Trusted **Genesis 6:6; Genesis 8**
Abraham - And he Believed, Obeyed and Trusted **Genesis 12:1**
Later **Genesis 16** he Doubted, Disobeyed, Didn't Trust – producing Ishmael
Isaac – the promised was born 13 years after Ishmael
Isaac's son Esau - Doubted, Disobeyed, Didn't Trust
Isaac's son Jacob – (lying, disrespectful, coward) received the blessing of God. Jacob had twelve sons = twelve tribes of Israel.
Moses- Believed, Obeyed and Trusted **Exodus 2 (Exodus 3:6)**
The provision of God to free them from 400 years of slavery and lead them to a land of their own. (The promised land – with abundant blessings.) Because the Israelites didn't Believe, Obey, and Trust what should have taken 4 days to receive and enjoy the promise land took 40 years.

Joshua - Believed, Obeyed, Trusted **Joshua 1**
Daniel – The lions den **Daniel 6**
Shadrach, Meshach, Abed-nego - The fiery furnace - **Daniel 3**

"This is what the Lord says: When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place. For I know the **plans** I have for you," declares the Lord, "**plans** to prosper you and not to harm you, **plans** to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." **Jeremiah 29:10-13**

Hebrews 11:3 ***"By faith we understand…."***

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