



**Real Faith: When Your
Heart Overrules Your Head**
Responding to God on His Terms, Not Ours
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Genesis 12:1-4 (NLT)

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Responding to God, His Way:

➤ _____ to God’s invitation to a relationship.

Genesis 12:1 (NLT)

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Colossians 1:16 (NLT)

“for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can’t see—such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him.”

Psalms 8:4 (TEV)

“what are human beings, that you think of them; mere mortals, that you care for them?”

➤ _____ even when it doesn’t make sense.

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Hebrews 11:8 (TEV)

“It was faith that made Abraham obey when God called him to go out to a country which God had promised to give him. He left his own country without knowing where he was going.”

James 1:22 (NIV)

“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.”

➤ _____ God for the impossible.

Genesis 12:2-3 (NLT)

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Romans 4:18-24 (NLT)

“Even when there was no reason for hope, Abraham kept hoping—believing that he would become the father of many nations. For God had said to him, ‘That’s how many descendants you will have!’ 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. Abraham never wavered in believing God’s promise. In fact, his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God. He was fully convinced that God is able to do whatever he promises. And because of Abraham’s faith, God counted him as righteous. And when God counted him as righteous, it wasn’t just for Abraham’s benefit. It was recorded for our benefit, too, assuring us that God will also count us as righteous if we believe in him, the one who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead.”

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