What is God Like?

"Look to the Heavens"

The Heavens are:

- 1. Precisely Created & Designed
- 2. Unimaginably Vast
- 3. Dazzlingly Beautiful

Sunday 10:30 am Visitor's Day! March 17th

Understanding the Six Phases of Faith

With God all things are possible



"All things are possible with God"

Phase I: God Gives You A Dream

Abram at 75 years old is given a dream (Gen 12:1-3).



Phase II: You Make A Decision

Abram acted upon God's promise and left Ur "not knowing where he was going" (Genesis 12:4, Heb 11:8).

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Phase III: The Delay

At 86 years old he is still childless.

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Phase IV: The <u>Difficulties</u> Phase

- Abram is 99 and past childbearing age.
- God changed his name to Abraham=
- "Father of a great nation!"

Phase V: The **Dead-end Phase**





Your Dream turns to Dust!



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Phase V: The Deliverance Phase

- Things get out of your control and you can't do anything about it!
- God is preparing you for a providential intervention.
- God is preparing your <u>Deliverance!</u>

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God often lets problems become apparent impossibilities!

From Dead ends to Deliverance!

Final Stages of Faith

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THESIS:

FOUR KEYS TO REMEMBER WHEN THINGS SEEM IMPOSSIBLE:

Rom 4:17-21

- 1. Remember ...
- 2. Rely ...
- 3. Face ...
- 4. Expect ...



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Key #1: Remember what God <u>can</u> do.

- 1. God can give life to the dead.
- 2. He can <u>create</u> something out of nothing.

Romans 4:17



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What is impossible with men is possible with God

Luke 18:27



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Key #2: Rely on what God has said (Rm 4:18).

How do you know when hope is gone?





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What do you do when hope dies? You keep on hoping in faith! You rely upon God's word.

Things may be out of vour control, but its <u>not out of God's</u>.



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Key #2: Rely on what God has said (Rm 4:18).

A dead end is a <u>test of faith</u> (Heb 11:17).

"Though it seemed Abraham's hope could not be fulfilled. he did become the father of many nations exactly as God had promised" (Rm 4:18).



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Key #3: Face the Facts with Faith (Rm 4:19-20).

"Without weakening in his faith, he considered his own body as good as dead, ... and Sarah's womb was also dead. Yet he didn't waiver with unbelief." (Rm 4:19-20)

Faith is not <u>denial</u> of the facts.

Faith is <u>facing the facts</u> without being discouraged by them!



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Key #3: Face the Facts with Faith (Rm 4:19-20).

The key is to look beyond your circumstances.

"We fix our eves on what is unseen. For what is seen (the problem) is temporary, but what is unseen (God's power) is eternal" (2 Cor 4:18).



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Key #4: Expect God to deliver you.

What are you expecting God to do?

"Yet looking at the promise of God. he wavered not through unbelief, but waxed strong through faith. giving glory to God. being fully assured that what He promised

He was able to perform" (Rom 4:20-21).



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Key #4: Expect God to deliver you.

What are you expecting God to do?

Jesus:

"Father. I thank you that you've already heard me! Lazarus, come forth (Jn 11:41)!



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Paul

"This happened so we might not rely on ourselves, but on God who raises the dead! He has delivered us.. He will deliver us. and we have set our hope that He will continue to deliver us" (2 Cor. 1:9-10).



There Are Three Kinds of Deliverance:

Circumstantial Deliverance (Rom 8:28).

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Personal Deliverance
He changes you!

The Ultimate Deliverance HEAVEN.

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