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THE OLD TESTAMENT

Leader Conversation Guide – XXXIX: Genesis

Main Idea

Have you ever found yourself asking, “Can I really trust God?” Maybe you’ve wondered if faith is just wishful thinking or if it truly has the power to change your life. Here’s the truth—faith isn’t passive. It’s about putting God first, walking with Him daily, and taking action when He speaks.

In Genesis, we meet men and women who faced impossible situations but learned to trust God in every step. Abel teaches us to give God our best. Enoch shows us what it means to walk closely with God. Noah builds an ark before rain even exists, and Abraham holds on to God’s promises through a long wait. Each story reminds us that faith isn’t just believing in God’s plan—it’s trusting Him enough to live it out.

Faith calls us to act, to trust, and to persevere. The question is: How is God calling you to grow in your faith today?

You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to Me!

JOHN 5:39 NLT

Make It Practical: 7 Lessons in Faith

1. Put God First – Abel’s Lesson
 - Hebrews 11:4 – “By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did.”
 - Trust God with your best, not just what’s left.
2. Walk with God – Enoch’s Lesson
 - Hebrews 11:5; Genesis 5:24 – “Enoch walked with God; then he was no more because God took him away.”
 - Faith is cultivated through daily closeness with God.
3. Act on God’s Word – Noah’s Lesson
 - Hebrews 11:7 – “By faith Noah... built an ark to save his family.”
 - Faith takes action, even when the future is unclear.
4. Wait Patiently – Abraham’s Lesson
 - Hebrews 6:15 – “And so after waiting patiently, Abraham received what was promised.”
 - Trust God’s timing, even when waiting feels hard.
5. Trust God’s Promises – Sarah’s Lesson
 - Hebrews 11:11 – “By faith... Sarah was enabled to bear children because she considered Him faithful.”
 - God is always faithful, even when the promise seems impossible.

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6. Persevere Through Difficulty – Joseph’s Lesson

- Genesis 50:20 – “You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good.”
- Stay faithful, even when life takes unexpected turns.

7. Remember God’s Ways Are Higher – God’s Lesson

- Isaiah 55:8-9 – “My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways.”
- Trust that God’s plan is always right, even when it’s not what we expect.

Talk About It

Which lesson of faith resonates with you the most right now? Why?

Noah acted on God’s Word even when it didn’t make sense. Can you think of a time God nudged you to take a step of faith? How did you respond?

Abraham and Sarah waited for God’s promise far longer than they expected. What helps you trust God’s timing when you’re in a season of waiting?

**You will never know faith
until you act on the Word of God in your life.**

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of faith and the example of those who trusted You in every season. Help us to put You first, walk closely with You, and act on Your Word with confidence. Teach us to wait patiently, trust Your promises, and persevere through challenges, knowing that You are always working for our good. Strengthen our faith and guide us to take the next step You’ve placed before us. We trust You with our lives and our future. In Jesus’ name, amen.

Next Steps

Spend Time with God – Start each day with prayer and reading Scripture.

Take a Step of Faith – Trust God and act on what He’s asking you to do this week.

Surrender Your Timeline – Focus on what God is doing in you while you wait.

Remember God’s Faithfulness – Write down how God has been faithful in the past.

Stay Connected – Surround yourself with people who will encourage your faith.