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Rom. 4:20 "He staggered not at the promises of God"

Sometimes the Lord over-whelms us.

Jesus: Jn 11: "Remove the stone" Martha - "Yea, after 4 days!"

Jehovah: Isa 30:15 "In returning and rest, in quietness and confidence be your strength." National deity, alliance with Egypt.

The Holy Spirit: Acts 16. Full blown case, Bithynia, Mysia - men, Macedonia - a woman's prayer meeting!

Paul chooses Abraham, illustrations, of the salvation which is by faith. (1) 400 years before the law (2) before the rite of circumcision (before Jesus' coming)

Abraham trusted God (Rom 4:3) his faith counted for righteousness. When God spoke to Abraham, characteristically a word of promise.

When God has spoken, we have heard His Word, only one thing to do - believe Him. This is faith - confidence in God's word, promise. This is saving faith - believing God's word. Faith is not reasoning about it, feeling about it, but accepting it. So many look for evidence, feeling, emotion, sensation, instead of simple faith, trust in promises of God.

The gospel message is the promise, God in His Son. All we can do is believe it or not believe. Accept or refuse. As Abraham - the promise, God in a long-delayed, misadventurous way, supernaturally giving son. Believed God - was thought a misadventure. Isaac a type. Called upon to believe in that son, misadventurous way, God gives. I John 5:9-13 Rom. 4:24, 25

Not reason, feeling, emotion - but faith. Faith not a part of X - it is the work of it, the thing itself.

Without faith, impossible to please God. The whole word, revelation, sterile, empty, vain. But if faith - God pledged without reserve.

of the spirit of man. "Counting on me, I cannot fail him"  
the infinite spirit of God. "I will not fail him"  
when someone counts on us, our hearts pledge in return.

In the story - the money is no man's law, merely man's law. Do not allow - now pledged by you. Return - money, sold, dy. Did I not tell you? But he - I found him - smiled - and "I know you would come. I'm, rather, he's been kind and kind."

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