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Believing Outside the Box

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2 Corinthians 5:7 (NIV)

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Genesis 12:1-4 (NLT)

√ Refusing to **RISK** failure means ultimately facing **REGRET**.

Believing Outside The Box:

1. Expect **DIFFICULTY** to surprise you.

¹⁰ There was a famine in the land. Abram went to Egypt to stay awhile because the famine was severe.

Genesis 12:10 (GW)

2. **REMEMBER** what God **CAN DO**.

¹⁷ Abraham believed when he stood in the presence of the God who gives life to dead people and calls into existence things that don't even exist.

Romans 4:17 (GW)

Δ God gives **LIFE** to what is **DEAD**.

Δ God creates **NEWNESS** out of **NOTHING**.

Δ My belief is built in **GOD'S PRESENCE**.

3. Face the facts with **FAITH**.

¹⁹ Abraham didn't weaken. Through faith he regarded the facts: His body was already as good as dead now that he was about a hundred years old, and Sarah was unable to have children. ²⁰ He didn't doubt God's promise out of a lack of faith. Instead, giving honor to God [for the promise], he became strong because of faith.

Romans 4:19-20 (GW)

4. Depend on what God has **PROMISED**.

¹ Some time later, the LORD spoke to Abram in a vision and said to him, "Do not be afraid, Abram, for I will protect you, and your reward will be great." ² But Abram replied, "O Sovereign LORD, what good are all your blessings when I don't even have a son? Since you've given me no children, Eliezer of Damascus, a servant in my household, will inherit all my wealth." ³ You have given me no descendants of my own, so one of my servants will be my heir."

Genesis 15:1-3 (NLT)

√ A life of faith isn't the **ABSENCE** of **DOUBT** ...

√ Faith refuses to allow **DOUBT** to make our **DECISIONS** for us.

⁴ Then the LORD said to him, "No, your servant will not be your heir, for you will have a son of your own who will be your heir." ⁵ Then the LORD took Abram outside and said to him, "Look up into the sky and count the stars if you can. That's how many descendants you will have!"

Genesis 15:4-5 (NLT)

√ There is **HOPE** beyond your comfort zone because God is **BIGGER** than your **BOX**.



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