

How was God patient and gracious with Gideon?

What Matters Most (To God)

We have all kinds of desires...things that we want...things that we ask from God...things that really matter **to us**.

For instance...

Genesis 15:1-3

Abraham and Sarah, in the Old Testament, had one very great desire: They wanted a _____, specifically a _____ to carry on the family line.

How did Gideon display faith along the way?

God had every intention of granting their desire...but God wanted something from them. It's the one thing that God wants from every person...**it's what matters most to Him**. What is it?

_____...in _____!

So...where does faith come from...us...or God?
Ephesians 2:8

What had God given to Abraham to give him the opportunity to display this quality?

Genesis 12:1-3

Abraham's response...**Genesis 12:4a**

Genesis 15:1-5

Abraham's response...**Genesis 15:6**

Genesis 18:1-14

God's response...**Genesis 21:1-7**

Faith...in Him...Yahweh God!

How do we know this is what matters most to God?
Hebrews 11:6-

"Without _____ it is _____ to _____
God..."

Faith Step 1: Believe that He _____.

Faith Step 2: Believe that He _____ those who
_____.

How do we practice that?

- What is the greatest faith reward?
Ephesians 2:8-9

God's promises to us...opportunities for faith in action.

Matthew 6:33

Philippians 4:19

Psalms 37:4

Matthew 8:3-13

9:1-8

9:18-30

Galatians 3:8-9

GOD _____ TO _____ FAITH (Heb. 11:6).

But the lack of faith....Matthew 13:54-58

What about weak faith?

Gideon – Judges 6 & 7

Background Info:

How did God build Gideon's faith?