The Active Faith of Abraham

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Question: What is your most memorable experience while camping or on vacation?

Faith can be passive, and faith can be active. You need both.

- Passive Faith: It is thought of exclusively in terms of waiting on God and resting in His promises.
- Active Faith: It is moving, going, working and doing.

Passive Faith: Read Genesis 13:9; 1 Corinthians 6:7

Active Faith: Read Genesis 14:1-16;

Questions: What does active faith look like in your life today? How does Ephesians 6:12 and 2 Corinthians 10:3–4 influence this?

God truly wants to partner with people!

Read Genesis 14:17-20

Question: To tithe is to give God 10% of your income. Why did Abraham tithe to Melchizedek?

Abraham tithed because he loved God and wanted to acknowledge God's greatness and goodness in his life. Abraham wasn't giving to Melchizedek, he was giving to God through Melchizedek.
Read Hebrews 7:1-3

> Tithing is something that takes 'active faith. It's an act of worship that honours the Lord's goodness and greatness.

A scarcity mindset:

- will shrink your life and your faith
- the more you give the less you got.

Kingdom thinking is an abundance mindset because abundance is rooted in the character of God.

Read Luke 6:38; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Malachi 3:10

If you tithe because it pays—it won't pay! R.G. LeTourneau

Active faith is faith that says no to making deals with the world

Read Genesis 14:23

Questions: Think about the challenges you are facing in your life, how does passive or active faith look? Which one is needed and why? What will you do about it?

