

# Faith's Rest

How many times we have tried to use our faith only to fall back into doubt and unbelief. None of us are exempt from this tension. It is called the "fight of faith". Circumstances come crashing in, the Holy Spirit answers with "God's Word" and the fight is on. The devil constantly whispers and lies about your circumstances, hoping you'll abandon "God's Word". Every battle we face is over the truthfulness of God's Word and whether or not you can build your life upon His promise.

But there is an end to our faith, a place of completion, and a place of rest where God has so convinced us of His truthfulness that we relax and lay back in the arms of faith completely assured God is in control. This is the goal of your faith; this is where God is trying to take you. Paul reached this place when he said things like, "none of these things move me, neither do I count my life dear to myself" and "we are joyful in all our tribulation". When you can shout and be joyful in the middle of the storm, you have arrived in faith.

Abraham's faith grew until he reached this place of rest, of completion. Romans 4 says, "and not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead since he was about a hundred years old, and the deadness of Sarah's

womb. He did not waiver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully convinced that what He had promised, He was also able to perform.

Abraham didn't start out fully convinced, but he arrived there, and you can too. This is the call of God to our church right now, the essence of the messages I have been preaching, God is calling us to another level. Let's stop whining and start shining!

Pastor Chambers

## Thursday Nights!

Beginning Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>

7:00pm

10 Week Series

**For Women Only – in the Ed. Bldg.**

Beth Moore Series...

**"Breaking Free"**

**For Men Only – in the Auditorium**

**"The Three Battlegrounds"**

By Francis Frangipane

## COMING EVENTS

### YOUTH CAR WASH

SAT., FEB. 6<sup>TH</sup> - 9AM - 3PM

TO RAISE FUNDS FOR UPCOMING CAMP FEB. 19, 20, 21

### ORIENTATION FOR WATER BAPTISM

SUN., FEB. 7<sup>TH</sup>

6PM SERVICE

ALL CANDIDATES PLEASE BE PRESENT!

### WATER BAPTISM SERVICE

SUN., FEB. 14<sup>TH</sup>

6PM SERVICE

### CHOIR, ROYAL RANGERS, MISSIONETTES

RESUME WED., FEB. 10<sup>TH</sup> - 7PM

### CHRISTIAN ED

POPCORN FUNDRAISER

BEGINS SUN., FEB. 7<sup>TH</sup>

### CHRISTIAN ED

PANCAKE/PAJAMA PARTY

SUN., FEB. 14<sup>TH</sup>

10:30AM

### MISSIONETTE GIRL'S MINISTRIES

HELEN GRACE EASTER CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

BEGINS WED., FEB. 17<sup>TH</sup>