**Finding Grace**

**Grace from the Patriarchs**

**Grace for a Growing Faith**

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In Depth Bible Studies on Genesis 12-50:
<http://www.faithlafayette.org/west/worship/faith-groups/faith-group-studies>

1. **A deepening dependence on God’s promises**

**Mark 9:23** - *And Jesus said to him, “‘If You can?’ All things are possible to him who believes.” 24Immediately the boy’s father cried out and said, “I do believe; help my unbelief.”*

* 1. An Increasing understanding of God’s words and ways
	2. Loosening attachments to earthly securities
1. **An increasing awareness of the futility of man’s wisdom**
2. **A budding anticipation that the Creator God can act in unexpected ways**
3. **A developing conviction that only God, Himself is the anchor (consider the “bizarre” covenant ceremony in Gen 15:9–21; cf Jer 24:18–19)**
4. For fulfillment of His promises
5. For salvation from your faith failures—the Gospel in Genesis that points to Jesus Christ.

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