




1 **The Apostle Paul views God's word as absolutely reliable.** God's word is reliable, because God Himself is _____.

 a. What does Num. 23:19, 1 Samuel 15:29, Ps. 89:35, Heb. 6:18 say about God's character? What does that mean concerning His word?


 b. What are some situations you are facing right now that you need to view through this aspect of God's nature?

2 **Read Hebrews 11:8-12.** Abraham and Sarah are an example of a couple who trusted God and made a life-altering decision on the sole basis of the word of God.


 a. What are some of the responses Abraham and Sarah may have heard from their family and friends?

 b. How would you respond if they were your family members? Would you encourage them or discourage them from making the big move? Remember that they would have said, "We don't know where we are going exactly, just that God spoke to us"? (See Hebrews 11:9)

3 **In Romans 15:19-20, Paul describes His life's ambition.** Is his plan to go where Christ had not been named a different kind of life decision from that of Abraham and Sarah? Why or why not?

 a. Many times, we put Biblical characters like Abraham & Sarah or Paul into a different category of Christian than we put ourselves. What are some reasons for this?

 b. Why is it an unhealthy practice to distance ourselves from the characters of the Bible?

 c. Think about your own life and ambitions. How do they stack up next to the lives and ambitions of Abraham and Sarah or Paul?

