



### **Part #3: Trust... it's that simple.**

#### **Introduction:**

All three of the world's major faith traditions – Judaism, Islam & Christianity – began in the same place with the same person – Abraham. All agree that there is one God, that He created a perfect world and that humankind made some decisions that messed it up. They also agree that God decided to wade into that mess and through one man – Abraham – begin the process of cleaning up that mess. God made some promises to Abraham that have come true, and one amazing, simple & profound promise that connects us intimately to this story, and hence, has implications for our points of new beginnings today.

#### **Questions to Ponder:**

1. (Ice Breaker) Have you ever taken steps to restore a broken relationship? What was that like? How did you think and feel?
2. What is your view of God and his acceptance of you (reflect long on this as we can tend to believe one thing, but practice another)?
  - a. By birth (I was born into a Christian family/country? Other?)
  - b. By behaviour or good works (I have to work myself into His good graces)
  - c. By belief (If I believe the right things, then I'm OK with God)
  - d. A combination of the above.
3. Have you ever asked or thought what it might require of yourself to have a right standing with God – to simply know that you and He are OK, that He loves and cares for you, and that you have a relationship with Him?
4. Read Genesis 15:6. **Ask:** What if the beginning point or restarting point of faith is this simple – trust – for us to have a right standing with God?
5. How hard is it for you to have that simple trust in God when everything around you seems to speak the opposite, or God is taking so long to answer?

**Next Step:** God is ready and willing to step into your mess – one of your own making – and begin a process of clearing up your life, and all it takes is to trust what He has promised to do. With your group or a trusted friend, why not pray about this and commit your way to him in a fresh way.

#### **Reflect:**

“Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven, whose sin is put out of sight! Yes, what joy for those whose record the LORD has cleared of guilt, whose lives are lived in complete honesty!” (Psalms 32:1–2 NLT)