Have you ever asked yourself: “Will I be among those who sit with Abraham in the Kingdom of God?” This is not just a hopeful thought; it’s a reality promised in Scripture. But who qualifies to sit at that table? It’s not about your background, title, or how long you’ve been in church. The key is faith—genuine, Abraham-like faith.

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1. What Does It Mean to Be a Child of Abraham?

Being a child of Abraham means sharing in the faith that defined his relationship with God. God didn’t choose Abraham because he was perfect or strong—He chose him because Abraham believed (Genesis 15:6 NKJV):

> *“And he believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.”*

This verse is foundational. It’s the first time in the Bible we see righteousness given not by works, but by faith. Paul later confirms in Galatians 3:7 (NKJV):

> *“Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham.”*

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2. Abraham’s Faith Went Beyond the Natural

Abraham didn’t just believe when things were easy. His faith endured the impossible. God promised him a son when he was nearly 100 years old, and he believed. When God tested him by asking him to sacrifice that very son, Isaac, Abraham didn’t doubt. Hebrews 11:17–19 (NKJV) tells us:

> *“By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac… concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead.”*

That is radical faith. Abraham trusted God beyond logic, beyond emotion, and beyond human reasoning. He knew that God’s promises could not fail, even if circumstances seemed to say otherwise.

3. Faith That Moves God: The Roman Centurion

In Matthew 8:5–13, Jesus encounters a Roman centurion—a Gentile, not a Jew—whose faith astonishes Him.

The centurion's servant was sick, and Jesus offered to come heal him. But the centurion responded:

> *"Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed." (Matthew 8:8 NKJV)*

He believed in the authority of Jesus' word. He knew Jesus didn't need to be physically present to heal. Jesus marveled and said:

> *"Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!" (v. 10)*

Then He added a remarkable prophecy:

> *“And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.*
> *But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness.” (vv. 11–12)*

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4. God Looks at the Heart, Not Religious Status

This statement challenges our assumptions. Jesus was saying that many outsiders—people from unlikely places, people the religious world ignores—will enter the Kingdom, while some who thought they were guaranteed a place (the “sons of the kingdom”) will be left out.

Why? Because God looks at the heart of faith, not religious titles or rituals (1 Samuel 16:7).

Just like Abraham, the centurion accounted God as faithful and able. He didn’t need physical evidence or religious ceremony. He

simply believed in God’s authority.

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5. Other Examples of Radical Faith

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus responds differently when He sees extraordinary faith:

- The woman with the issue of blood believed, “If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well.” (Matthew 9:21 NKJV). She didn’t need attention or prayer—just faith in His power.

- The Canaanite woman (Matthew 15:21–28) kept pressing Jesus for her daughter’s healing, even when she seemed ignored. Her persistent faith moved Jesus to heal.

- Zacchaeus, the tax collector (Luke 19), climbed a tree just to see Jesus. His hunger to encounter Christ led Jesus to say, “Today salvation has come to this house.” (Luke 19:9)

All these people had one thing in common: they didn’t approach Jesus through normal channels. They pushed past obstacles, traditions, or expectations—and touched the heart of God.

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6. Don’t Depend Solely on Religious Systems

Today, many people think they need to go through religious leaders or places to access God. They wait for prophets to visit them, or travel to other nations for healing or answers. But God is not far. He is near—even in your own heart and mouth (Romans 10:8 NKJV):

> *“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” — that is, the word of faith which we preach.*

You don’t need a middleman. Jesus Christ alone is the mediator between God and man (1 Timothy 2:5). You can approach God directly, just like Abraham, just like the centurion, and just like the woman with the issue of blood.

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7. The Challenge: Account God as Able

Ask yourself: When you face trials or needs, do you run first to human help, or do you account God as able?

- If you believe God can use others to bless you, then believe He can also use *you*.

- If you trust Him to answer a preacher’s prayer, then trust He can also answer your own.

God desires faith that pleases Him, not just crowds that follow Him (Hebrews 11:6 NKJV):

> *“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”*

Conclusion: Let’s Imitate Abraham’s Faith

In the end, it is not just about being near religious things. It’s about having a heart that truly believes.

> *“Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves.”*
> *—2 Corinthians 13:5 (NKJV)*

Let us strive to reach that level of Abrahamic faith—the kind that doesn’t waver in uncertainty, the kind that moves mountains, and the kind that causes God to say,

> *“This one will sit with Abraham in My Kingdom.”*

May the Lord bless you and increase your faith. Amen.

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