

Mechanics of Life – Faith in Jesus

We live by faith, not by sight.

[2 Corinthians 5:7](#)



If you spent money today, you *operated by faith!* A one dollar bill is only paper. Nonetheless, it has power. Why? Note the words “The United States of America.” They represent the **authority** of the federal government.

Second, observe the words “Federal Reserve Note.” The government **promises** that your piece of paper has \$1 worth of *purchasing power*.

The third element is **trust**. If neither the seller nor buyer has *trust* in the governing authority, the paper becomes worthless!

Finally, the system requires **action**: selling and buying.

These are the *mechanics of faith*: **authority, promise, trust and action**.

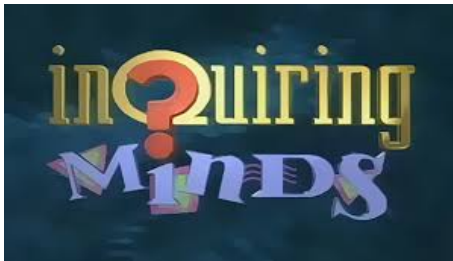
A rather humorous Bible story demonstrates faith. Abraham and Sarah had been childless their entire marriage. At age 75 Abraham was promised a baby boy by [the Maker](#). Sarah laughed at the promise. Can you blame her? Nonetheless, “*The Lord was good to Sarah and kept His promise. Although Abraham was 100 years*



old, Sarah had a son exactly at the time God had said. Abraham named his son Isaac (meaning he laughs).” ([Genesis 22:1-3](#))

Years later Paul commented: “Abram never wavered in believing God’s promise. He was fully convinced that God has the power to do whatever He promises.” (Romans 4:20-21)

God, the governing **authority**, made a **promise** to Abraham who **trusted** the promise. We’re left with **action**.



Inquiring minds want to know: what exactly did Abraham and Sarah **DO** for 25 years? Get it? [The Maker](#) is not a killjoy, lacking a sense of humor. Just ask old Abraham and Sarah! Oh, by the way, undoubtedly God got the last laugh



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