

Mandi Dye:

Hello, beautiful ladies from all over the world. I'm Mandy Dye, and I'm from Alabama. Welcome to this lesson on Unbreakable Faith, which I will dive into in just a moment. First let's pray.

Mandi Dye:

Father, thank you for using me to teach your lesson today. This lesson on unbreakable faith. I want this to reach women so that their lives will be touched and changed. Someday, give them a passion to share your word because I know that, like me, they also have unbreakable faith stories to tell. Amen.

Mandi Dye:

Now let's open the Bible to Psalm 100:5. "The Lord is good and his faithfulness endures forever; his faithfulness continues throughout all generations." In other words, God has been with you throughout your entire life. And now your job is to share your story of God's faithfulness. I want to share with you my testimony of unbreakable faith.

Mandi Dye:

You may be familiar with the story of Abraham and Sarah and how they lived with unbreakable of faith when God called them to leave their home of Haran to move to Canaan. The story is found in Genesis chapter 12. Just imagine, God told Abraham to prepare his family to leave their comfortable home, give up everything that they loved to move to Canaan. Can you picture what it must have been like when Abraham shared the news with Sarah, "Hey, God is calling us to move. What do you think?" Wow.

Mandi Dye:

This story feels like what has happened to my family. In 2015, my family was called by God to move. I feel a real kinship with Sarah because I didn't want to leave my home. I didn't want to leave behind the place where I'd spent 40 years of my life, my friends, my family, the church where we had served. It was a very difficult decision to accept God's will for us to move, not knowing what the future would look like. Took much prayer, a trust in God, and unbreakable faith on this new journey he was calling us to, and obedience.

Mandi Dye:

Let's look at John 13:7, "You don't understand now what I am doing, but someday you will." In my experience of moving to Alabama, I did not know what would happen. I had spent my entire life 40 years living in Kentucky. I'd built a life there with family, friends, work and church. Then I had to move to Alabama with absolutely no idea of what to expect. It took a lot of faith to trust God without asking him to explain why. We all want to ask God, but why? After we arrived in Alabama, I actually went on to move six more times in the past six years. That's a bunch of times. The hardest part of that was that my kids had to change schools. They couldn't be settled in with a group of friends. We had to keep uprooting them, and that was really tough on them. It impacted them emotionally, mentally, and spiritually. And as a parent, I feel that pain for them.

Mandi Dye:

When you move to an unknown place, you quickly learn that the place you're going to will be different than the place you've been. It's a new dynamic with new people from all walks of life. That's been God's path for us and has required me to cling to an unbreakable faith, because when I get to that new place, I want to arrive ready. I want to have Scriptures in my heart. You never know how God's plans may change. So you prepare yourself for whatever will come.

Mandi Dye:

You may be wondering if this was hard on my marriage. It definitely was because God told my husband it was time to move and I was not yet okay with that. I was not ready to give up my comfort zone, but I had to pause and reflect. I remember that my husband and I had been praying for two years leading up to that moment. I had to admit my husband was right about this, even though I didn't want to do it. I had to humble myself before God and allow him to use me however he wanted to.

Mandi Dye:

Our marriage has not been perfect. We've had our ups and downs. Sometimes I think God is telling me something, but then he tells my husband something else. Or sometimes he tells my children something even different. So it can be hard to figure it out, but our family is a team. We were in this journey together and we had to have faith in what we couldn't see. And as a family, we prepared ourselves together for each step that was coming up next. And that was powerful.

Mandi Dye:

When I look back on my faith in the past, I had a decent faith. But now, these many years later, my faith is so much stronger. I trust him. I don't need to know the whys anymore. If God tells me to go, then I go in faith because I'm no longer afraid. I accept that life will have ups and downs. Marriage problems, they're normal. I let go. I move on. Nothing surprises me anymore. And guess what? I'm even ready for the next adventure. I enjoy meeting new people. I enjoy seeing my family grow. It's just been an amazing experience. Now it does require sacrifice. We will make mistakes and we will learn from them and grow. Just like plants need water to grow, so does our faith. I would not go back and change a thing about my story. My experiences and in intimacy I have with God now because of them is precious.

Mandi Dye:

Finally, let's look at Hebrews 13:8. "Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow." No, God is always faithful to us. His pursuit of us is unbreakable because he loves you. So no matter what you go through, just keep on holding onto your unbreakable faith.

Mandi Dye:

I want to leave you with a challenge today. Before we close, share with others your unbreakable faith testimony of how God used you.