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 - C. To fill Abram's words with overcoming power.
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 2. Faith resides in both heart and mouth, Joshua 1:8, Romans 10:9-10.
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