

God's Care

notes

⁸Abraham breathed his last and died in a ripe old age, an old man and satisfied *with life*; and he was gathered to his people. ⁹Then his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah, Gen. 25:8

SO WHAT?!

Hebrews 11:8-19

#1. Be Reverent

¹¹By faith even Sarah herself received ability to conceive, even beyond the proper time of life, since she considered Him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore there was born... *as many descendants AS THE STARS OF HEAVEN IN NUMBER, AND INNUMERABLE AS THE SAND WHICH IS BY THE SEASHORE.*

#2. Be Resolute

⁸By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out...and he went out, not knowing where he was going.

#3. Be Reliable

¹³All these died in faith, without receiving the promises, but having seen them and having welcomed them from a distance, and having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better *country*, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; for He has prepared a city for them. Hebrews 11:13&16

GROUP DISCUSSION

Everybody Qualifies

Genesis 12-25, Pastor Ed Kemp

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Prayer Requests:

Read aloud: The Scriptures in Genesis from Sunday's message.

What would have been the most difficult part for Abraham when God commanded him to leave Ur and move to Canaan? What about the most difficult for Sarah? What do you think their conversations about this move were like? Abraham was 75 years old when he made his dramatic relocation, do you think it's easier to move at a younger age or older age? Why? Have you ever had to have conversations about important moves? What was the most stressful move you've ever made?

Isn't it interesting, in Genesis 15, that Abraham was pronounced righteous, not for any particular action, but for simple belief that what God was telling him was going to come true. We come to God the same way Abraham did, by putting our faith in God's Son Jesus Christ. When we accept Jesus we are pronounced righteous by God because all of our past, present and future sins are forgiven. When did you accept Jesus as your Savior and how did that happen? Did you experience a great sense of forgiveness or relief?

Think about how the worship of God had gone through Genesis 1-11. Genesis 4 says Cain slew Abel because Abel worshipped correctly and Cain was jealous and angry so he killed Abel. In Genesis 8:20 Noah worshipped correctly. In Genesis 11 Babel occurs because of wrong worship. So, in Genesis 22 God teaches Abraham not to worship with human sacrifice but provides a ram to sacrifice and worship correctly. Today we worship God through Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. What parts of Church are worship to you and what does it mean to you and how does it impact you? What is God expecting of you in worship?

Read: Hebrews 11:8-19. From your sermon notes: How is considering God faithful, reverence? How is obeying God being resolute? How is believing God's promises being reliable?

Family Time: Abraham was commanded by God to name his son Isaac (Gen. 17:19) and his name means "laughter" because when God told Abraham his wife would have a son she laughed at the idea. Talk to your kids about why you chose the name you chose for them.