

## Traveling The Kings Highway Pt 2

### Hebrews 11:1-3

- In the scriptures Abraham is called “the father of faith” and when it came to his relationship with this world the bible ascribes to him a unique title “a sojourner”, this meant that he knew that he was just passing through and that this world was not his home. In fact **Heb 11:10** says that what he truly was waiting for was a home I which the builder and maker is God. The world that Abraham lived in and the world that we live in is the same, we also are jus passing through, waiting on a home whose foundation, builder and maker is God.
- Folks although we know this we still fall victim to trying to make this world into something that it never was meant to be “our home”. You see if we really understood what Abraham knew then we would never be holding onto so tight the things that we have in this life. Many find their identity not in who they are in Christ but in what they do for a living, or what their children do, or have, where they live or what they have, none of which we can take with us, so if we can’t take things with us then why are we spending a lifetime consumed by them?
- **Gen 16:1-17** Abraham at the ripe age of seventy five was told to leave his family and everything that he’d ever known and go to a land that God would show him, where He will make of him a great nation in which all the nations of the earth will be blessed. What’s amazing is at this point in his life he had no children, nevertheless he listened, and went, and after waiting over a decade for God to fulfil His promise his wife and he decided that they would help God out and speed the process along by manufacturing an heir.
- You know the story Sarah comes to Abraham and reminds him its been over ten years since we left with the promise that we would have a child, and I listened to you and left our home and family, now you need to listen to me as I nor you are getting any younger, so take my handmaiden Hagar and we will produce ourselves an heir. Immediately after Hagar is pregnant both Abraham and Sarah get a taste of what it means to try and satisfy the will of God by giving into the ways of the flesh, as Hagar starts to give Sarah trouble.
- Sarah meets the flesh with flesh and Hagar takes off, but she is met by an Angel who tells her to go back and submit to Sarah, for her son will indeed be and heir of a great nation just not the heir that God promised to Abraham and Sarah. I love how she calls that place “You are the God Who sees” God saw everything that happened including the bad.
- **Gen 17:1-6** God changes Abram’s name from “**Exalted father**” to “**father of a multitude**” and tells him after another thirteen years after Ishmael that he will have a son. Later He changes Sarai name from “**to mock or laugh**” to “**Sarah which means princess**”, all of this happened twenty four years after God first made the promise to Abraham.

- **Gen 22:1-19** Abraham is told to take his son thine only son “Isaac” which means laughter, and take him to the Mt. Moriah, “Moriah literally means foreseen of Jehovah”. Its saying to Abraham to take thy son, your only son, where you will provide a sneek preview of a coming attraction, as God will sacrifice Hi only Son Jesus on this very Mount.
- What I love about this is Abraham has been enrolled in “**the school of faith**” since he was **75** and now he is well over **100**, and yet he is still having soul stretching experiences. Folks we are never too old to face new challenges, fight new battles, and learn new truths, for when we stop learning, that’s when we stop growing, and when we stop growing we stop living. Most people believe Isaac is well into his twenties by this point and yet he follows his father to the place where he is supposed to die, let’s look at five amazing points.
- **1<sup>st</sup> V3** that Abraham rose early to do this, most would have procrastinated, and played this out for as long as humanly possible, but not Abraham he rises early to do God’s will. **2<sup>nd</sup> V4** although it took three days before God showed him the place he stayed resolute and determined to carry out whatever God wanted. **3<sup>rd</sup> V7-8** when Isaac asked where’s the sacrifice Abraham answers that God will provide for Himself the lamb for the sacrifice.
- **4<sup>th</sup> V10-14** The Angel had to call out twice in order to stop Abraham from sacrificing Isaac, then God shows him a lamb caught in the thicket, as just as Abraham said God provided a lamb for Himself. **5<sup>th</sup> V5** Abraham called obeying God worship, and he knew that if God allowed him to sacrifice Isaac then He was going to raise Isaac from the dead, as he tells the others that he and the boy are going to worship and return.
- **Heb 11:17-19** Abraham earlier had tried to have children his own way instead of waiting on God, now his faith in God was so great that he was willing to give Him his only son trusting that God would bring him back from the dead to fulfill His promise that he had made. **V16-19** God repeated His promise to Abraham that not only would He bless him, and his descendants, but also all those who obey Him, will also follow this faith filled path. **Heb 11:1-3** our faith is only as good as to Who we put our trust in, my trust is in the Lord!