

**Series:** The Faith of Our Fathers, a study in Hebrews

**Sermon:** The Faith of Abraham

**Primary Text:** Hebrews 11:8-19

**Discussion guide:**

- What is faith?
- What is a promise?
- Why are promises hard to trust?
- Share a meaningful story of a promise kept or broken by you or to you.
- Read the text.
  - What promises do you see in this text made to Abraham?
- Why doesn't faith need to know the whole plan?
  - Why is it hard for us not to know?
- Why is walking with the Lord enough for true faith? (see Hebrews 13:5-6 and Matthew 28:20)
  - How do you know when you are walking with the Lord?
- Why doesn't faith need be comfortable?
- What does it mean to have rest for your soul? (see Matthew 11:28-30 and Psalms 23:1-3)
  - Can you share an example of a time you or someone you know had to endure discomfort in order to experience rest for the soul?
- Why doesn't faith need to see results?
- What does knowing you belong to another country have to do with not needing to see results in this life?
- Why doesn't faith need to understand all the details?
- What does it mean to reason by God's promises?
- Why do you think God asked Abraham to sacrifice his son?
  - Was Isaac ever in danger?
  - How was this good for Abraham and Isaac?
  - How is this a foreshadowing of the Gospel?