



True Faith Works

Hebrews 11:17-22

- 1) Abraham's faith offered the best he possessed (11:8-12, 17)
 - a) Having heard God, he obeyed the divine calling (11:8-10; cf. Gen. 12:1-7)
 - b) When tested by God, he gave his most prized possession: his son (17)
 - c) He believed God could raise the dead (19)
- 2) Isaac's faith looked to the future with confidence (11:20)
 - a) If you don't read the Bible, you won't know the future
 - b) If you don't know the future, how can you be confident in it?
- 3) Jacob's faith looked to the future with worship of God in his heart (11:21)
 - a) How can you worship God for His promises if you don't know the promises?
 - b) A fuller worship of God entails knowing the future He has revealed
- 4) Joseph's faith was certain of God's eternal promises to Abraham (22)
- 5) What does true saving faith look like for us as Christians?
 - a) Faith hopes beyond what we can now see; it is farsighted, not nearsighted
 - b) Faith joyfully embraces the future; it is not depressed in the present
 - c) Faith leaves behind the old life, abandoning that life of death—embracing eternal life