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Living By Faith, Pt. 2

Hebrews 11:7-16

- 1) Saving faith concerns trusting in Jesus as the Christ, both God & Savior
- 2) Living by faith entails responding to God in obedience (Heb. 11)
- 3) Examples of the faithful (11:4-16)
 - a) **Abel** worshiped in spirit & truth (John 4:23; cf. Prov. 3:9; 2 Cor. 9:7)
 - b) **Enoch** enjoyed daily fellowship w/ God, preaching boldly against sin (Jude 14-15)
 - c) **Noah** stood out as blameless (6:9) in a crooked generation; obeyed (6:22)
 - i) A faithful preacher of righteousness (2 Pet. 2:5)
 - ii) Believed God's word, attained approval, recognized God's power
 - iii) Ready & willing to obey at any cost; lived for future
 - d) **Abraham** obeyed God, shunning his former life (8-10)
 - i) Went into the unknown as God directed him
 - ii) Lived as an alien in a dark country in tents patiently waiting for God
 - iii) Sought God's ultimate gift, not temporary pleasures
 - e) **Sarah** considered God faithful to His promises (11-12)
 - i) Her faith opened the door to God's blessings
 - ii) Among the Bible's great women like Moses' mother (v. 23) & Rahab (v. 31)
 - iii) Living as an example for godly women today (1 Pet. 3:3-6)
- 4) All of God's true children live by faith (13-16)
 - a) Seeking God's eternal joy, not temporary happiness
 - b) Acknowledging their displacement in this world
 - c) Seeking that which is heavenly, not earthly

