

ACTING ON THE PROMISES OF GOD!

(Hebrews 11:8-11, 21-22)

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A. Acting in OBEDIENCE. (Hebrews 11:8)

1. Imagine God walking you into West TN (almost all the land from the Mississippi River to the TN River...nearly 9000 sq miles is how large land of Israel was) and telling you He would give you this land!
2. It was a huge promise. Yet Abraham obeyed step by step.

B. Acting DIFFERENTLY. (Hebrews 11:9)

1. Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob did not attempt to become like or live like the people around them. Believing that God had called them to something better, they lived as strangers in the land.
2. We choose not to engage in the same things or to be like those around us or to follow their same desires or sins because we believe God has called us to more!

C. Acting in EXPECTATION. (Hebrews 11:10)

1. Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob lived in tents. The people around them, though their homes were stronger and more permanent, still had homes that were built on the dirt.
2. The promise here is a city with a stone foundation that God has designed and crafted. (This is better than what they had seen in Canaan.)
3. Beware of the sin of low expectations or no expectations. Beware of walking with no hope.

D. Acting in THANKFULLNESS. (Hebrews 11:21)

1. Jacob had seen God's hand numerous times in his life. It says that he leaned on his staff.
2. A shepherd's staff was used for so many things. Among all its uses, it was used as a timeline to mark dates and events that were significant. For Jacob, it would have been times where God acted on his behalf.
3. As he remembered this, he worshipped.

E. Acting in ASSURANCE. (Hebrews 11:22)

1. Joseph had seen God fulfill His promises; he believed God would do what He said.
2. When God delivers you from this place, "take my bones."
3. 300 years later, they obeyed

WHERE IS THE VISION THAT GOD CAN DO SOMETHING MORE!?