

Hebrews 11:8-19 Faith for the Journey
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The question is not only how Abraham lived by faith, but how your faith is doing now—whether it is strong or weak, growing or fading.

The answer will shape how you face life's trials.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. (Hebrews 11:8 NKJV)

Faith starts with trusting the One who calls.

Now the LORD had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you. (Genesis 12:1 NKJV)

Faith involves moving toward God's promise, even when you cannot see the destination.

By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as [in] a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker [is] God. (Hebrews 11:9-10 NKJV)

The believer's true citizenship is heavenly, not earthly.

Beloved, I beg [you] as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, (1 Peter 2:11 NKJV)

Earthly kingdoms' deterioration should loosen our grip on this world and tighten our hold on God's promises.

Human kingdoms rise and fall, but God's kingdom is eternal and unshakeable.

For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation [with] gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on [it] endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. (1 Corinthians 3:11-15 NKJV)

Are we building on Christ or elsewhere?

Abraham built on God's promise, and his faith still strengthens us.

By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised. (Hebrews 11:11 NKJV)

God remembers our faith, not our failures. In Christ, failures are forgiven and forgotten.

who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, "So shall your descendants be." And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. (Romans 4:18-21 NKJV)

Releasing control lets us see God work beyond our strength.

Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born [as many] as the stars of the sky in multitude--innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore. (Hebrews 11:12 NKJV)

God brings life from death. Faith is the channel for His power.

God's promise included blessing all nations.

I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." (Genesis 12:3 NKJV)

Through Jesus, the gospel reaches every nation.

Our faith shapes not only us, but those who come after us.

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These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced [them] and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland. And truly if they had called to mind that [country] from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly [country]. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them. (Hebrews 11:13-16 NKJV)

God identifies with those who seek His kingdom and has prepared an eternal home for them.

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. "In My Father's house are many mansions; if [it were] not [so], I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, [there] you may be also. (John 14:1-3 NKJV)

Trials are temporary; heaven is sure.

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten [son], (Hebrews 11:17 NKJV)

Abraham was willing to surrender what he loved most.

Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind [him was] a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. (Genesis 22:13 NKJV)

The ultimate test of faith is the willingness to surrender to God what we love most.
of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called," concluding that God [was] able to raise [him] up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense. (Hebrews 11:18-19 NKJV)

Resurrection faith trusts God's power over death.

But now Christ is risen from the dead, [and] has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by man [came] death, by Man also [came] the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. (1 Corinthians 15:20-22 NKJV)

Such faith surrenders all, believes the impossible, and endures trials.

May Abraham's faith move us to trust and obey God.