



Message 2 | By Faith They Waited

Text | Hebrews 11:8-22

Introduction:

The life of faith is not only about believing God's promises but also about waiting for them. Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph trusted God even when the timeline was long and the outcome seemed impossible. Hebrews 11 reminds us that true faith looks beyond what is immediate and visible, fixing our hope on the God who is faithful to keep His word. As we walk through their stories, we will see how faith waits patiently, confidently, and expectantly on the Lord.

By Faith **Abraham Went** - Not Knowing (vv. 8–10)

- He followed God without having all of the details.
 - Obey God when you don't know what's next.

By Faith **Sarah Received** - Not Able (vv. 11–12)

- She trusted God could do what her body could no longer do.
 - Trust His power when you feel powerless.

By Faith **They Waited** - Not Seeing (vv. 13–16)

- They lived like foreigners here, because their true citizenship was in heaven.
 - Wait with hope, because God's promises are bigger than your lifetime.

By Faith **Abraham Responded** - Not Withholding (vv. 17–19)

- Abraham raised the knife, but God stopped him.
 - Do what God tells you to do when He tells you to do it.

By Faith **Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph Blessed** - Not Experiencing (vv. 20–22)

- They spoke God's promises, believing God would finish what He started.
 - Encourage others to trust God.

As followers of Jesus, we are called to live by faith, not by sight. We obey when we don't know, trust when we feel powerless, wait with hope when we can't see, respond when prompted, and encourage others to trust the God who always keeps His promises.

Discussion Questions

1. Where is God asking you to obey without knowing all the details?
2. What situation in your life feels impossible right now, and how can you lean on God's power instead of your own?
3. How does the truth that "God's promises are bigger than your lifetime" reshape the way you view disappointment or delay?
4. What area of life do you struggle most with hesitation when God calls you to act?
5. Who are you investing in right now, trusting that God will finish what He starts in their life?