

# GREATER THAN

A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

HEBREWS

11:17-31

## BY FAITH PART 2

**17**By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was offering up his only begotten son; **18**it was he to whom it was said, "IN ISAAC YOUR DESCENDANTS SHALL BE CALLED." **19**He considered that God is able to raise people even from the dead, from which he also received him back as a type. **20**By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau, even regarding things to come. **21**By faith Jacob, as he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff. **22**By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the exodus of the sons of Israel, and gave orders concerning his bones. **23**By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's edict. **24**By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, **25**choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin,

**26**considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward. **27**By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as seeing Him who is unseen. **28**By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of the blood, so that he who destroyed the firstborn would not touch them. **29**By faith they passed through the Red Sea as though they were passing through dry land; and the Egyptians, when they attempted it, were drowned. **30**By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. **31**By faith Rahab the harlot did not perish along with those who were disobedient, after she had welcomed the spies in peace.



# DIGGING IN

Read Hebrews 11:17-31

## DISCUSS

- How does faith change a person's focus and perspective? (11:13-16)
- What ultimate test of faith did God put Abraham through? (11:17-19)
- What hard choices did Moses make because of his faith? (11:24-28)
- What "secret" enabled Moses to persevere through rough times? (11:27) Why is Sarah mentioned in this list?
- How could she make the list?
- What do you think were some of Sarah's best character qualities?
- What situations did she face that would have been difficult to have faith in?
- Genesis 12-23 is largely about Abraham, but what role do you think Sarah played in the events in those chapters?
- How easy would it have been for Sarah to submit to some of Abraham's decisions (giving the best to Lot, leaving their own country, telling Pharaoh she was Abraham's sister, etc.)?
- Are there any applications we can make to our life today from the life of Sarah?
- What you can learn and apply from her life?
- What can you learn and apply from Rehab's life?