Open It!

Who would you nominate for the Hall of Fame of Faith? How do they serve as an example of living by faith?

Discuss It! Read Hebrews 11:1-16.

How would you define faith?

How does God's word define faith (11:1)?

What are first essentials of a faith that pleases God (11:6)?

What is one of your first memories of seeking God in prayer and finding Him faithful to answer your prayer?

How did Abraham demonstrate faith in God (11:8, 9)?

How did Sarah demonstrate faith in God (11:11)?

How did God reward their faith (11:12)

What does it mean to be strangers and exiles on earth (11:13)?

In what ways should we adopt the mindset of strangers and aliens? See Philippians 3:17-21 and 1 Peter 2:10-12.

All these who died in faith were seeking a place to call home. What were they looking forward to as home (11:14-16)?

Look at the lyrics to Helen Lemmel's hymn, *Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus*. How does her longing correspond with these who lived and died in faith (11:13-16)?

Live It!

Reorient your life on earth! Live as a Citizen of Heaven.
Begin every day praying the Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

By Faith! The Life of Abraham
Sojourning Faith
Genesis 20:1 – 21:34
November 1, 2026

Introduction

This section of Genesis is bracketed by statements identifying Abraham as a Sojourner, a resident alien living far from home. Observe Genesis 20:1 and 21:34.

Sermon Proposition

Learn to live by faith as a resident alien in this world.

For Your Sanctification God Addresses Your Signature Sin.

And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, "She is my sister." And Abimelech, king of Gerar sent and took Sarah.

Genesis 20:2 (ESV)

Abraham's Rationale

The Lord's Rescue

Abimelech's Response

Next Step! Pray.

Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me and know my anxious thoughts; And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the everlasting way.

Psalm 139:23–24 (NASB)

For Your Joy God Allows You to Share in His Promise

The Lord visited Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did to Sarah as he had promised.

Genesis 21:1 (ESV)

God's Promise - Genesis 3:15; 12:3; 15:4-5; 17:15-19

Sarah's Joy – Genesis 21:6-8

Sarah's Faith – Hebrews 11:11

Next Step! Obey His Commands to Share in His Joy

For the Sake of All People God Has Blessed Us

And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. [3] I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.

Genesis 12:2–3 (ESV)

The Example of Hagar and Ishmael – Genesis 21:9-21

The Example of King Abimelech – Genesis 21:22-34

Next Step! Reorient your life on earth.