

The Father of Our Faith

Hebrews 11:8-16

Faith gives future promises a present reality and gives us eyes to see invisible things. Faith takes God at His word and lives accordingly
(from the prologue, Hebrews 11:1-3)

The Call of God and the Response of Faith

- God's sovereign call produces the response of faith
- True biblical faith moves us to obedient action

The Promises of God to Abraham

- God's promises to Abraham are fulfilled in Christ
- Faith looks forward and waits patiently

Believing God's Promises

- Righteousness = God's Holy perfection
- Counted = Credited or reckoned. Receiving something from outside ourselves
- Belief = Faith or trust. Resting our full weight on the promises and character of God

For Life Group Discussion

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1. Read Hebrews ch. 11. What stands out to you? Are there any names that surprise you, or anyone missing that might have been included?
2. If someone were to ask you, "What is the letter to the Hebrews all about?" how would you answer? How does the story of Abraham fit into the letter's overall context?
3. Read Gen 12:1 and Heb 11:8. Why did God call Abraham, and why did Abraham respond to that call by faith? How are those two things related? Back up your answer with scripture.
4. Read Gen 12:1-4 and Heb 11:8. How are faith and obedience related? Can someone claim Jesus as Savior but not as Lord? Does true faith exist where there is no obedience?
5. Read Gen 12:3 and Gal 3:8. In what sense did God preach the Gospel to Abraham? How does that help us understand God's saving work under the Old Covenant? Is it the same or different than under the New?
6. Read Rom 4:1-25. How does this chapter help you learn even more about God's saving work, using the life of Abraham as an illustration? What questions do you still have?