

## Part 5 – By Faith Abraham Went

**Hebrews 11:1** Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

**6** But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

**8** By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

**9** By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as *in* a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:

**10** For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker *is* God.

- Knowing that nothing we do can produce anything worthwhile.
- Knowing that faith is the key to the supernatural power of the Almighty.
- Knowing that faith, real faith produces some action in the life of the believer for the glory of the Object of faith.

- As we go through the Hall of Faith and look at the images set before us
  - We want to truly see what their faith produced with the knowledge that the creation cannot create
  - only the Creator is truly producing anything.
  - God is not giving them glory for anything other than trusting Him as He produced unbelievable things.
- It is a very difficult thing to go to a place you don't know.
- It is probably even more difficult to go to a place you don't even know the directions to get there.
  - In today's technology we can use our phones to find our way to just about anywhere we want to go.
  - We can research the area before we go there and make sure we have tools to help us once we have arrived.
  - We don't need faith, we have GPS.
- Abraham heard a Word from God that commanded him to leave all that he knew and was comfortable with to go to a place that...
  - well, wherever the Word told him to go.
  - The Word promised great things upon Abram's obedience.

- It's hard to imagine how difficult that must have been for Abram.
  - God blessed his obedience though...why?
  - Because obedience is produced by confidence in the One giving instructions.
  - The obedience would not exist if not for the One giving directions.
  - Abraham was not special, God's Word was.
  - It was so special it caused a man to pick up roots with his entire family and household and start walking a direction...
  - only knowing that the Voice of the Instructor was enough.
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- We are called to live in a strange way to all that we know.
  - The Word instructs us to walk by faith.
    - This means even if we don't know where the road ends, it makes no difference,
    - the Voice of the Instructor is enough.
    - The destination is not the goal,
    - the goal is obedience,
    - as that we may never see the "destination of that situation".

- Abraham never saw God's promises in his flesh, but he continued to obey...that's faith.
- Faith that produces obedience.
- If my faith does not produce obedience in my life then my faith is not real.

- **James 2:17** Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

**18** Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

- Patience...or long suffering is a product of faith.
  - Patience comes from trusting in what you're waiting for.
  - Abraham wasn't waiting for God to show him Jerusalem or Bethlehem or Judaea.
  - Abraham could have failed to be patient and started to build a city for himself.
  - He had the wealth and the manpower.
  - After Isaac was born, he could have just decided he was done being in tents and tabernacles, after all, he was in his own land given him by God Almighty.
  - Why didn't he just do what seemed like the next best step for him and his family?
- We don't read in scriptures that God told Abraham to not build a city or make a place for himself.

- What we do see is Abraham had decided to give his life to God.
- To let God be enough.
- I would imagine that Abraham and the Lord talked often...since I get to talk to God every day,
- and He speaks to be every time I look for Him,
- why wouldn't Abraham and God speak daily?
- You see, I believe Abraham's faith was that no matter where he was,
- or what was going on,
- God would be enough.
- Faith tells us that, when it is the right faith.
- **It is always when God ceases to be enough that we turn to fill ourselves with something.**
- Being discontent is right where Satan wants us,
  - for then we will pursue contentment with our devices instead of allowing God to simply be enough.
- Where do we find the peace and contentment that Abraham had?
  - How do we keep our focus on a City whose Foundations are Built by and on God?
  - **By faith.**
  - **If God is enough He will produce with His Holy Spirit patience in our lives.**