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Hebrews 11

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Faith is Willing to Leave the Known for the Unknown

- ❖ Abraham's life prior to the call – *Genesis 11:27-32; Joshua 24:2-3* – good land, and paganism.
- ❖ God's word changes everything – *Hebrews 11:8; Genesis 12:1*
- ❖ He had a focus on the spiritual that isn't seen – *Hebrews 11:9-10*
- ❖ Faith trusts God's word, not that which is seen – *2 Corinthians 5:7*
- ❖ Faith is willing to lose in order to gain – *Philippians 3:7-8*
- ❖ Faith follows God anywhere, trusting in His presence – *Psalms 139:7-12*

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Faith Does Not Dwell on the Past

- ❖ If they had longed for their old home, they would have found opportunity to return – *Hebrews 11:15; Genesis 24:5-6*
- ❖ Faith does not look back – *Luke 6:61-62; 2 Timothy 4:10*
- ❖ To avoid looking back we must take drastic measures – *Romans 6:6, 11; Galatians 2:20; 5:24-25; 6:14*

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Faith Dwells on the Future Hope

- ❖ Abraham was never in the land of promise as a citizen/possessor – *Hebrews 11:9-10; Acts 7:5*
- ❖ He was able to dwell there without ever truly possessing the land because his longing was for the spiritual city – *Hebrews 11:10*
- ❖ Faith fixates on the eternal future – *Matthew 6:19-21*
- ❖ Faith realizes the stark contrast between the physical and spiritual – *1 Peter 1:4; 1 John 2:15-17*

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Faith Accepts and Confesses Pilgrimage

- ❖ The fact that they weren't receiving the promises in their lifetime gave them realization that the earthly life is not the point –
Hebrews 11:13-14
- ❖ Such confession was more than merely verbal assent –
Hebrews 11:9
- ❖ We are strangers and pilgrims and must live accordingly –
1 Peter 2:11-12; Romans 12:2; 1 Peter 4:3-4;
2 Corinthians 5:6-8

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God is Not Ashamed of the Faithful

- ❖ God was intimately associated with them and was not ashamed of it – *Hebrews 11:16*
- ❖ He wants to be identified with us – *1 John 3:1-3* – but we must live accordingly.
- ❖ We must be willing to confess Christ for Him to confess us – *Matthew 10:32-33*

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Faith is a Growing Process

- ❖ Abraham's faith is lauded in connection with Isaac – *Romans 4:19-22*
- ❖ Sarah originally took matters into her own hands – *Genesis 16:1-2*
- ❖ Sarah laughed at God's promise – *Genesis 18:9-15*
- ❖ Yet, she is spoken of as being strengthened in faith – *Hebrews 11:11*
– She overcame her doubts and repented.
- ❖ Our faith must be nurtured – *2 Peter 3:18;*
Luke 17:5; Mark 9:22-23

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Faith in God is Never Disappointed

- ❖ God came through on His promise – *Hebrews 11:12*
- ❖ Whatever doubt they originally had was proven to be unwarranted.
- ❖ Those who put their trust in Christ will not be ashamed –
Romans 10:11

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