

Hebrews 11:8-22, Bible Devotions

☐ Monday - Abraham Believed God!

Hebrews 11:8

“By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going” (Heb. 11:8). God did not reveal the specifics of His future plans for Abraham, nor is He required to do so for us. But though we may not know what the future holds, we do know Who holds the future.

Read Jeremiah 29:11; Romans 8:28

☐ Tuesday - The Essence of True Faith.

Hebrews 11:8

“Abraham believed God and it was reckoned to him as righteousness” (Gen. 15:6).

[1] Abraham’s faith was a *personal* faith – Abraham believed *in* the Lord, not merely a bunch of facts *about* God (cf. James 2:19). [2] Abraham’s faith was a *propositional* faith, based upon God’s promises, not Abraham’s feelings. [3] Abraham’s faith was also a *practical* faith that moved him to action: “By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going...” (Heb. 11:8). Let all who claim the name of Christ measure their faith by these.

Read 2 Corinthians 13:5; James 2:14-23

☐ Wednesday - The Man From the Other Side.

Hebrews 11:8

The word “Hebrew” translated means “the other side,” and it is first found in the Bible in Genesis 14:13 where it is applied to Abraham. If you will recall, Abraham left his relatives in Ur and crossed the Euphrates River to enter the promised land. And so, Abraham was called a Hebrew, the man from the other side [of the river]. A line ran through the middle of Abraham’s life, in his case it was the Euphrates River. On one side of the river was his old life among the idol worshippers in Ur. On the other was his new life and faith in living God. Friend, is there such a line running through the middle of your life? “Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new” (2 Cor. 5:17). Read John 3:3, Ephesians 4:22-24

☐ Thursday - By Faith Sarah Conceived.

Hebrews 11:11-12

“By faith even Sarah herself received ability to conceive, even beyond the proper time of life” (Heb. 11:11). God deliberately waited until Sarah was past childbearing to give her a child, because Sarah’s concept of God was too small and undoubtedly ours is too. Jesus said, “Truly I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you shall say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it shall move” (Mt. 17:20). What God’s people need today, as much as at any time, is mountain-moving faith. We have unsaved relatives trapped behind mountains of unbelief. There are mountains of habitual sin in our own lives that must be moved by faith, mountains that block the Gospel in foreign lands. We need faith that God can not only do natural things, but supernatural! “Is *anything* too difficult for the Lord?” (Gen. 18:14).

Read John 14:12-14

☐ Friday - By Faith Abraham Offered Isaac.

Hebrews 11:17-19

“Now it came about after these things, that God tested Abraham...” (Gen. 22:1). God tests His people in every generations, to show the authenticity of His work to the world. But we have at our resources what Abraham did not – the written Word of God. While this episode may have been a *pop quiz* for Abraham, life is an *open-book test* for us! Therefore, “Study to show yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the Word of truth” (2 Tim. 2:15). Read Psalm 119:105; Hebrews 4:12