

Hebrews 11:8-22 By Faith pt. 2 ENCORE

Hebrews 11 has often been called the “Hall of Faith”. The chapter is replete with examples of people (Old Testament Hebrews) who lived by faith and how that faith was lived out. We will spend the next several weeks discussing the lives & examples of these real people and how their trust in God impacted the way they thought and lived.

- 1) Read Hebrews 11:8 what was Abraham (Abram) fundamentally doing when he left his homeland to go live in Canaan?
- 2) Did he know where he was going?
 - a) Have you ever purposely gone on a trip not knowing where you would end up?
 - b) Have you ever uprooted and moved your family not knowing where you were going to live?
 - c) Do you think that would be an easy move?
 - d) Do you think Abraham googled the area first for good restaurants?
- 3) Read Hebrews 11:9-10 Why didn't Abraham mind living as a stranger and nomad in a foreign land?
 - a) Who did the land belong to?
 - b) What would you call Abrahams “mindset” in these verses?
- 4) Read Hebrews 11:11 how is Sarah's faith described?
- 5) Read Hebrews 11:17-19 what was Abraham thinking as he was about to sacrifice Isaac?
- 6) Read Hebrews 11:20-22 regarding Isaac, Jacob & Joseph what stage of life is this passage describing?
 - a) Considering they were old and dying would they personally see God's promise fulfilled?
 - b) Did they stop believing God's promise?
 - c) Did they get angry when God didn't deliver the promise in their lifetime?
 - d) Why did they continue to trust God even when about to die?
- 7) Read Hebrews 11:13 what happened to all the examples (hero's) of faith from this chapter?
 - a) Does that truth encourage, discourage or convict you?
 - b) How were they able to trust God even though they died without receiving the promise?
 - c) *How did they die?*
 - d) There are only two ways to die; in faith or without faith. Do you think Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Jacob & Joseph are sorry they trusted in the living God?
- 8) Read Hebrews 11:16 what is God's testimony regarding the people in this chapter?
 - a) Conversely; what could be said about a person who professes to know God but doesn't trust Him?
 - b) Discuss Philippians 1:27 as it relates to Hebrews 11:16.
 - c) Discuss Ephesians 4:1 as it relates to Hebrews 11:16.
 - d) What has God prepared for those who trust Him?
- 9) How would you summarize all of these examples of faith?
- 10) According to Hebrews 11:1-2 what is faith?
- 11) It is clear from this chapter that simple or generic “faith” is not the issue (we all have some measure of faith in something) but rather the *object* of your faith. Who is the only appropriate object of your faith or trust?
- 12) What steps do you need to take this week to grow in trusting the living God?