

Sermon Notes

Faith is Looking Forward to What God has Promised

Hebrews 11:8-16

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11:8 By faith Abraham obeyed the Lord.

We may not know what the results are going to be of what God is telling us to do, but we need to obey because we trust Him.

11:9-10 By faith Abraham lived waiting - looking forward.

He looked forward to a heavenly city.

So do we (see Revelation 21)

11:11-12 By faith Sarah received the power to conceive.

She trusted God would come through on what He promised.

Through Sarah believing, God fulfilled His promise.

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By faith, people trust God through difficult things, for things they may have a hard time imagining.

11:13-16 In faith they desire a better homeland, a heavenly one.

Welcome the truth of heaven into your heart and mind, and nurture it there, as very important.

See yourself as a citizen of heaven, not of earth.

We are just passing through, on the way to our true homeland.

Don't go back when a life of faith becomes challenging.

How might you need to change your thinking?

What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.

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Application questions for 1/29/17 sermon

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By faith Abraham obeyed the Lord. How do you think faith and obedience related?

How do you think the relationship between faith and obedience shows in your life?

Abraham obeyed the Lord, even though he didn't know where he was going. When God tells you something to do, and you don't know how exactly is going to turn out by doing it God's way, what is your response?

Under those circumstances in the previous question, what do you want your response to be?

(Try to have everyone answer.)

When life is difficult, presently, how do you react to it, how do you process it, what do you think about?

After what you heard in this sermon, when life is difficult, what do you want to think?

Is God's promise of heaven hard for you to trust? Why?

(Make sure to make it to this question and the following question.)

These perspectives were shared in the sermon: I am just passing through this earth. My life here is temporary. The ultimate homeland that I am waiting for is heaven, and I will live there forever. So, I shouldn't identify myself too closely with this world. I am a foreigner here. How might those perspective thoughts help you in life?

How might you nurture those perspective thoughts, so you think about them more often, so they are more real to you and more important to you?

Do you have a question for the group? It might be something you don't understand that others could help with, or something you think should be covered that hasn't.

Sarah didn't initially show great faith, for she laughed when she overheard the Lord say that she would have a son in her old age. But then is credited after in Hebrews for her trusting the Lord to deliver on that promise. How does this give you hope for your own life?