

## Faith Like Abraham

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Hebrews 11:8-16

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### Intro:

- Theme of Hebrews: Jesus is Better! He brought a better covenant!
- Chp 11 not a moralistic be like these guys but rather a see what their faith was in... the Gospel fulfilled - Jesus.
- Abel<sup>4</sup> - the Way of Faith (5/7)
- Enoch<sup>5</sup> - the Walk of Faith
- Noah<sup>7</sup> - the Work of Faith

### How to Start in Faith 8

- Faith is more than just knowing facts<sup>Jas2:19</sup>
- Faith is an active response to the call of God
- Faith affects every aspect of our lives<sup>Gen12:1</sup>
- Faith rarely is the 'easy' way<sup>Mt7:13-14</sup> but worth it<sup>Mt13:45-46</sup>
- Faith is confidence in God's provision (Jesus)<sup>Heb10:19-23</sup>

### How to Keep Walking in Faith 9-10

- We never get beyond the need for faith
- Abraham built altars but only pitched his tents<sup>Gen12</sup> in land
- Abraham didn't own even a foot's length<sup>Act7:5</sup> of the land
- This world is not our home<sup>Heb13:14;1Jn2:15;Jms4:4</sup>
- Live life with minimal luggage, looking to the Gospel<sup>Heb11:10</sup>

### Faith Rests on God's Promises 11-12

- God covenanted Abram, father of a great people<sup>Gen12:1-3</sup>
- Even Sarah had faith<sup>11:11</sup> though she doubted<sup>Gen18:12</sup>
- Beware of doubt/bitterness<sup>Heb12:15</sup>, know God's grace<sup>Gen18:13-14</sup>
- God's promises are sure, faith powerful when in God

### Faith Persists in God's Promises 13-16

- True faith is not focused on things of this world
- God's purposes are bigger than our immediate comfort
- Look to the Glorious Gospel and a better country!
- Because of Christ's redemption, Jesus has gone to prepare a place<sup>Jn14:1f</sup> and God is not ashamed of us!
- Walk boldly in faith in Christ, God's provision, knowing you are 'accepted in the Beloved'<sup>Eph1:6</sup>

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