

## More Faith Lessons from the Patriarchs

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Hebrews 11:17-22

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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; Enoch<sup>5</sup> - the Walk of Faith; Noah<sup>7</sup> - the Work of Faith; Abraham & Sarah<sup>8-16</sup> - walking & resting in Faith

### Faith when God's Will Seems Impossible 17-19

- God tested Abraham for his benefit<sup>Gen22:1</sup>
- Seems God require 2 contradictory things? Covenant promise for Isaac; the offering up of Isaac?
- Like salvation: man's responsibility & God's sovereignty...
- Key when faced with dilemma: look to God & trust His ways
- Abraham reasoned with self on basis of what he knew about God
- Abraham trusted God's character<sup>Gen22:5,7-8</sup> and acted<sup>Heb11:19</sup>
- Faith is believing the Word of God<sup>Heb11:1;Rm10:17</sup>  
And acting upon it<sup>Jms1:22-25;Jn3:36</sup>  
No matter how I feel<sup>Heb11</sup>  
Knowing that God promises a good result<sup>Heb11:6;Rm8:28-29</sup>!

### Faith Tested in the Face of Trickery 20

- Isaac's faith<sup>Gen27:1-4</sup> displayed at end of life in God's promises
- Trickery: Jacob<sup>Gen27:11</sup>; Rebekah<sup>Gen27:12</sup>; Esau<sup>Gen25:33</sup>
- What a family; Rebekah<sup>Gen25:23</sup> & Isaac<sup>Gen25:28</sup> Like us?
- Trickery followed Jacob<sup>Gen29; Laban, Rachel, Leah</sup>
- Isaac in faith looked to God<sup>20</sup>, not the sinners of this world!

### Faith Tested By A Hard Life 21

- Jacob's faith shown at the end of his life in God's promises
- The blessing was a trust in God's covenant promises to Abraham<sup>Gen12,15,17</sup>; Isaac<sup>Gen26:3</sup>; and Jacob<sup>Gen28:15</sup>
- Jacob knew God had been merciful to him<sup>Gen48:15-16</sup>
- Faith is a long trust in the character & mercy of a Gracious God
- Jacob was tried<sup>Gen47:9</sup> but learned God's faithfulness<sup>Gen48:15</sup>
- Like Jacob look to the God who saves, not circumstances

### Faith Tested by Success 22

- Joseph's faith shown at the end of his life in God's promises
- J knew Egypt was not his home; world is not ours<sup>Heb11:10;13:14</sup>
- Easy for Joseph to be tempted by his success and embarrassment of Hebrew culture
- Pastor writing to Hebrew Christians tempted to turn back...
- Are you resting in God's promises by faith in Jesus?
- Seek the good of those around you while here (Gospel), but remember that the world is not your home!

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