



The Faith of Abraham — The Worthy Example of Faith, Part 1

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Hebrews 11:8-19

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What we have learned so far in our study ...

- The Theme of the Book - Jesus is "Better" ...
- The Outline of the Book of Hebrews ...

A Better Person: Jesus (1-6)

A Better Priesthood: Jesus (7-10)

A Better Principle: Faith (11-13)

The Examples of Faith (11)

The Features of Faith — Faith Described vs. 1-3

The Family of Faith — Faith Displayed vs. 4-40

Abel: The **WORSHIP** of faith. v. 4 — A picture of what it looks like when you first come to **SAVING** faith in Jesus Christ. "*Abel offered to God a better **sacrifice** ...*"

Enoch: The **WALK** of faith. vs. 5-6 — A picture of what it looks like when you truly are **SEEKING** God by faith. "*Enoch **walked with God** ...*" (cf. Genesis 5:22,24)

Noah: The **WORK** of faith. v. 7 — A picture of what it looks like when you truly **SERVE** God by faith. "*Noah **prepared an ark** ...*" (cf. Genesis 6:8-22)

What we are going to learn today in our study ...

Abraham: The **WORTHY** example of faith. vs. 8-19 — A picture of what it looks like when you truly **SURRENDER** to God by faith.

Romans 4:11 calls Abraham the **FATHER** of all them that believe."

Why is this his title? Abraham's life serves as a complete **PATTERN** to follow.

LESSON - The Faith of Abraham 11:8-19

I. ABRAHAM'S PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH v. 8

What does it mean to have a pilgrim's faith?

Like Abraham, you have been **SOVEREIGNLY** called to God. "*By faith, when he was called*"

Abraham's Place — Where did he grow up? (see Genesis 11:28-31)

Abraham's Parents — Who was his dad? (see Joshua 24:2)

Like Abraham, you are **SUBMITTED** to God. "... *obeyed ... by going out to a place ... not knowing where he was going.*"

Like Abraham, you are **SEPARATED** to God. "... *by going out ... he went out ...*"

The applications

- 1) You make a break with the **WORLD**.
- 2) You stop living **WORLDLY**.

II. ABRAHAM'S PATIENCE OF FAITH vs. 9-10

The Picture — What does patience look like? v. 9 "*By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign land ...*"

The Perspective — What keeps you patient while waiting? v. 10 "*For he was looking for the city ...*"

The applications

Today's Growth Point — How does this passage apply to you and your GCG?