

week 24
Faith for Today and Tomorrow
Hebrews 11:8-16

introduction

Our culture often defines faith as optimism, positive thinking, or even a tool for getting what we want. However, Hebrews 11 presents something very different. Faith is the lifestyle approved by God. It is the way we relate to Him and learn to walk with Him.

As we look at the lives of Abraham and Sarah, we discover that faith:

- Follows God.
- Trusts God.
- Desires God.

And as we learn to live this way, we discover that Jesus Himself is our greatest treasure.

main discussion focus

Key Truth # 1 - Faith Follows God

Hebrews 11:8

Abraham obeyed before fully understanding God's plan. Faith is not about having all the information; it is about trusting the One who has all the information.

Discuss

- Is there an area of your life where you know what God is asking you to do, but you have been waiting for more information before obeying?
- How have you experienced growth or personal transformation as a result of obeying God even when you did not understand everything?

Key Truth # 2 - Faith Trusts God

Hebrews 11:9-12

Abraham and Sarah learned that God works through processes. Faith trusts that God's timing is good, that His power is sufficient, and that His faithfulness is greater than our weaknesses.

Discuss

- Is there a promise, prayer, or situation in which it is difficult for you to wait on God's timing? What does Abraham's story teach you about patience?
- How does it encourage you to know that the power of faith does not depend on the perfection of your trust, but on the faithfulness of God?

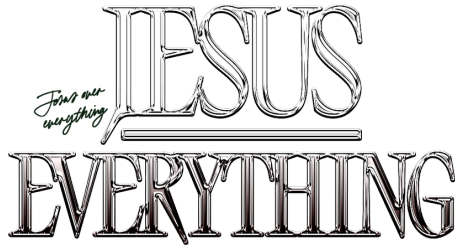
Key Truth # 3 - Faith Trusts God

Hebrews 11:13-16

The patriarchs discovered that God Himself was the true treasure. That is why they lived as pilgrims and strangers, enjoying God's blessings without making them the center of their lives.

Discuss

- What good things might be competing with God for first place in your heart?
- What does it mean for you to live as a pilgrim in today's culture, trusting God's presence today and His provision for the future?



renewal

Waiting can be exhausting.

Sometimes it feels as though God is taking too long, circumstances are not changing, or our prayers are going unanswered.

The story of Abraham and Sarah reminds us that God's faithfulness does not depend on what we can see. God is still at work even when we cannot perceive it.

If you are going through a difficult season, share with your group an area where you need to trust God's invisible intervention in the present or His provision for the future.

Take time to listen, encourage one another, and pray for one another.

missional living

Many people in our city are searching for hope, purpose, and security in temporary things.

This week, identify someone who is experiencing uncertainty, anxiety, or disappointment.

Pray for them and look for an opportunity to share how Jesus has become your hope and your greatest treasure.

Ask if there is a specific need you can pray for in their life.

closing prayer

Father, thank You because You are worthy of our trust.

Help us follow You when we do not understand, trust You through the process, and desire You more than anything else.

Guard us from placing our hope in temporary things and teach us to live as citizens of Your Kingdom. Strengthen our faith to rest in Your presence today and in Your promises for the future.

And may our lives reflect that Jesus is our greatest treasure.

In Jesus' name, Amen.