

The Promise: Abraham's Pattern of Faith
Hebrews 11:8-12

INTRODUCTION:

- **Read Hebrews 11:1-7**

- **Faith obeys God's calling (vv.8-10)**
 - **Faith is rooted in a promised inheritance**
 - Taking God at His Word
 - Genesis 12:1-4,7
 - Acts 7:2-4
 - Also used for "salvation"
 - **Faith walks**
 - Genesis 12:8
 - He actually packed up and went
 - He knew God, but not the land
 - Faith steps out in God's promises, not man's knowledge
 - **Faith risks**
 - Genesis 35:27
 - Involves the whole family
 - Risks future
 - **Faith looks forward (v.10)**
 - Joy in God's presence
 - Revelation 21:2,10,14
 - His city
 - His reign
 - His glory
 - Faith finds its fruition in God alone
 - Hebrews 11:13-16
 - Hebrews 12:1-2
 - Hebrews 12:22-24
 - Hebrews 13:14
 - This is central to the community of saints
 - This is the ultimate vision of the church
 - We need incremental vision to mark this overarching vision
 - Faith perseveres

- This is the great marking of genuine, saving faith
- Perseverance keeps moving to what's yet to be seen and realized -- His Kingdom Come!

Faith trusts God's promises (v.11-12)

- **God's power provides everything to fulfill His promises in His people**
 - Genesis 17:9
 - God's promises are not realized in a vacuum
- **God's faithfulness overcomes our doubts**
 - God chooses human agency
 - Genesis 18:11-14
 - Genesis 21:2
- **Faith moves along the redemptive storyline (v.12)**
 - Romans 4:9-25
 - There is no faith apart from the gospel
 - Galatians 3:16-29

CONCLUSION:

- Are you in God's Word?
- Are you obeying God's Word?
- Are you stressed about present circumstances more than you are resting in God's promised presence?
- Are you driven to proclaim the gospel to others?