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A STUDY IN HEBREWS



Anchored in Faith – Part 2 – Hebrews 11

Hebrews 11:8-19

I ABRAHAM – FRIEND OF GOD – vs. 8-10

A. His faith was shown 3 different times:

1. God told him to leave his _____

Instant obedience is the only kind of obedience there is; delayed obedience is disobedience. Whoever strives to withdraw from obedience, withdraws from Grace. Thomas a Kempis.

2. God promised he would make him a great nation
3. God called him to sacrifice Isaac

B. God calls him specifically

1. The call on you is precise and _____
2. We stand between the visible and the invisible
3. Our redemption is complete in total surrender

C. Obedience is the essence of faith

1. We are called to the _____ and unfamiliar
 - There is no comparison to anything in the seen world
 - No compromise in following – (one foot in the world – one foot in the Kingdom)
 - You do or you don't
2. By faith Abraham obeyed
 - The life of faith rests in _____
 - It is the way into the Holiest Place
3. He went out not knowing
 - When you obey the outcome is not shown
 - There must be an absolute surrender
 - When there is surrender – then there is fulfillment
 - When you commit you are all in
 - The outcome is by faith
4. His _____ rested in the future

D. By faith he entered the land of promise

- He inherited the promise by faith
1. By faith he saw the unseen
 - In hope he lived in the future
 2. His heart was with God – not _____
 - Our hearts must not be in this world
 - It is diseased and sick
 3. A worldly spirit in the church makes faith impossible

II SARAH – A WOMAN OF FAITH – Vs. 11,12

A. She received the power to conceive

1. Her _____ had to change
2. Her _____ had to change
3. Her _____ had to change

B. Miracle of the birth of Isaac

1. Her body became young
2. Her faith grew to believe the promise
3. She overcame every obstacle

C. There are _____ waiting for our faith

1. God will do as He said He would
2. His joy is in giving life to our faith

D. The Life bore in her was an impossibility

- Oldest known woman to give birth in the 20th century was _____

E. The baby born in Bethlehem was no less an impossibility

1. No man knew Mary
2. The Holy Spirit placed the life in her
 - Had never been done before
 - Will never be done again
3. Joseph – like Abraham – was asked to believe
 - New life – like Isaac and Jesus – must come from God

“One great cause of weakness of the spiritual life of earnest Christians, notwithstanding their prayers and efforts, is that they seek to do the work that only God can do.” **Andrew Murray**

- Discouragement will _____ the fire of God
- It is God who will do His pleasure and purpose in you
- 4. Sarah waited 25 years as did her husband
 - Imagine the years of prayer and patience

III ONE MAN – INNUMERABLE OFFSPRING – vs. 12

A. Small beginnings do not mean _____

- ### B. There are hundreds in this area awaiting the fulfillment
1. He called this church into being
 2. He held it together through the toughest times
 3. He called you to be here
 4. He called Terrie and me to be here

IV STARNGERS AND PILGRIMS – VS.13-16

A. They _____ saw the promise

B. The driving force in their lives

- Something bigger than themselves
- A country not their own

C. They did not love the world

- Here is the problem in 2017 – 1 John 2:15

V FAITH AND THE POWER OF GOD – vs. 17-19

.. **Never call dead what God has declared alive**

1. Abraham's faith did not stop at _____
2. Resurrection life is the only one that pleases God
 - You are living that life now
 - You must die to self and live that life daily

B. Never call _____ what God has declared dead

- The life we live is a new life
 - We have been translated - Col.1:13
1. We are no longer in darkness
 - Any darkness is self – made or demonically introduced
 - There is no power that can defeat us – we are free
 2. Translated - Acts 26:18
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1. Our eyes have been opened – we did not do it – but HE did
 2. We see the light
 3. Satan has no power – only God

Heb 2:14

1. The devil has been destroyed
2. There is nothing he can do to us

Eph 5:8

1. We who were once _____
2. We are light in the Lord
3. Walk as the product of that light

1Pe 2:9

1. Chosen
2. Royal
3. Holy
4. Special
5. Brought from _____