

***“Heroes Of The Faith” – Abraham & Sarah – II***

**INTRODUCTION:** Abraham & Sarah “*stepped out in faith*”.

**STEP #1** – Obey God’s Call.

**STEP #2** – Keep growing in the Christian Life.

**Hebrews 11:10** – “*waited*” – “*Waiting*” time doesn’t have to be “*wasted*” time – Be useful while “*waiting*” for Heaven.

**STEP #3** – Keep looking up!

**Hebrews 11:11** – “*promise*” – **Genesis 18:9-14**

- **Genesis 18:12** - “*laughed*” – It must be SUPER-natural – **18:14**

**STEP #4** – Keep trusting God, no matter what – **Genesis 21:1-2**

- God CAN do the impossible, but WILL He?

**Hebrews 11:12-13** – WE can see the fulfillment, THEY didn’t.

- We expect God to give us “*instant gratification*” ... but the “*journey*” only strengthens our faith.

**Hebrews 11:13** – “*strangers & pilgrims*” – God never promised to make it easy, comfortable – 1 Peter 2:11

**Hebrews 11:14-16** – Don’t grasp the world too tightly – **11:14**

**Hebrews 11:15** – Abraham knew God promised him a homeland – **11:8**

**STEP #5** – Never turn back – The world will never satisfy you.

**Hebrews 11:16** – God promised him an eternal home – **11:10**

**STEP #6** – Always want more of God ... something BETTER.

**Hebrews 11:17-19** – Promise of a son – **Gen. 22:2 ... 22:10-12**

- Abraham faces a “*conundrum*” – How would God handle it?

**Hebrews 11:19** – In his mind, Isaac was as-good-as dead ... **11:1**

**STEP #7** – Be willing to sacrifice – What do you love more than God?

- Here’s a PROPHECY – **Genesis 22:7-8, 22:13**

**CONCLUSION:** - FAITH is like a “*seed*” ... it has to GROW.

- God gives us reasons, every day, to TRUST Him.