

“Heroes of the Faith” – Abraham & Sarah

INTRODUCTION: The life of *“faith”* – **Hebrews 11:6, 11:1**

Hebrews 11:8 – Abraham was *“called”* from Ur – **Genesis 12:1-4**

- God told Abraham to leave his family – **Gen. 11:28, 12:1**
- God chose Abraham because of His *“grace and mercy”*.

STEP #1 – Obey God’s call – Abraham stepped out on *“faith”*.

- Some can handle the *“Fear of the Unknown”* better than others.
- Abraham didn’t obey God completely – **Genesis 12:4-5**

Hebrews 11:9-10 – *“promise”* – **Genesis 12:7** – An *“altar”*.

- A *“promise”* hinges on TRUST ... God is TRUSTWORTHY.

Hebrews 11:9 – *“dwelling in tents”* – A permanent home in Heaven.

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**

4th STEP – 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**

6th STEP – 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.