

Faith That Turned a Pagan into a Patriarch

Focus: Abraham and Sarah

Hebrews 11:8-16; Genesis 11-12

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What kind of faith is life changing faith?

- 1) Life changing faith **hears God's call** - verse 8 *By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called,*
 - a) It is a **personal** call – *Genesis 12:1*
 - b) It is a **prophetic** call – *verse 7*
- 2) Life changing faith **obeys God's command**
 - a) It was a command to **leave** some things behind – *Genesis 12:1 "Get out of your country, from your family and from your father's house,*
 - b) It was a command to **look for unknown** things ahead. *Hebrews 11:8: "And he went out, not knowing where he was going..."*
- 3) Life changing faith **believes God's promises**
 - a) It believes God can do what he says he will do
 - i) *Genesis 11:1-4*
 - ii) *Genesis 12:1-4*
 - b) It believes God can do what we are unable to do-
 - i) *Hebrews 11:11*
 - c) It believes God has the answers when we do not – *Hebrews 11:8*
- 4) Life changing faith **seeks something better**
 - a) It seeks something better than **possession** *verse 9*
 - b) It seeks something better than a **return to the past** – *verses 14-15*
 - i) *Philippians 3:13 "forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,"*
 - ii) *Philippians 3:14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*
 - c) It seeks something better than **worldly position** *Hebrews 11:13-15*
 - d) It sees something better and it makes us pilgrims
 - (1) We are not fugitives **running from place to place**
 - (2) We are not vagabonds **looking for some place**
 - (3) We are strangers that **don't belong to this place**
 - (4) We are Pilgrims in **route to our own place**
 - ii) *Colossians 3:1-4 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. ² Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. ³ For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.*