



## Faithful, No Matter What

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The Story of Abraham • Hebrews 11:8-16

### Abraham didn't trust his circumstances.

Abraham knew that, if he based his life on circumstances, it would be \_\_\_\_\_.

*“He has made everything beautiful in its time.” (Ecclesiastes 3:11)*

The problem: Humans take good and beautiful things and make them \_\_\_\_\_ things.



Dig Deeper:  
Psalms 20:6-8, 146, 147:10-11; Daniel 3  
(especially verses 17-18)

### Abraham based his life around the right world.

#### Hebrews 11:32-40

*“These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised. God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.” (Heb. 11:39-40)*

Jesus followers know that understanding your heavenly citizenship will actually make you a better \_\_\_\_\_.

How? This enables us to hold lightly to earthly “securities”, resulting in others getting blessed.

For a great resource on this subject, go online to:  
[sermons2.redeemer.com/sermons/two-men-money](http://sermons2.redeemer.com/sermons/two-men-money)

### What Abraham Saw

#### Genesis 15:12-18

*“When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking firepot with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant.” (Genesis 15:17-18)*

The Gospel is not good \_\_\_\_\_, but good news.



Dig Deeper:  
Genesis 15, Isaiah 53:8, Mark 15:32-34

### Even if we are like Abraham and as good as dead, God can bring us to life again through Jesus Christ.

#### My next step is to ...

- give myself to the God who gave Himself for me by being baptized.
- confess, “Lord, I’ve made a good and beautiful thing into an ultimate thing.”
- read the Dig Deeper texts.
- realize this world isn’t all there is and turn loose of my earthly securities to bless and serve others.
- invite a friend to Epikos.

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