

The Word Faith

(Genesis 15:1-11)

(Sunday, August 7, 2022)

The word faith is closely associated with Abraham. Abraham was the father of the multitudes who would trust in the Lord. Abraham found purpose in life by means of his faith experience. Faith brought him new adventures and brought him through numerous hardships as well. This month, we want to take a look into Abraham's life and discover the various aspects of Faith.

I. **Faith is an Adventure!**

- A. Abraham was instructed by God to leave Ur of the Chaldees. "Now the Lord had said unto Abraham, get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto the land that I shew thee" (Gen. 12:1). God made some strong demands on Abraham. He wanted Abraham to leave his country, his kindred, and his father's house. Abraham left Ur to go to the land of Canaan. All along the way, he lived in openness to God. Every experience became an adventure of faith.
- B. Trusting God is an adventure. The Christian life may be compared to a pilgrimage. It is certainly not a life of sameness. It is an adventure, a step in the dark with the knowledge that God is there.

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II. **At Times, our faith wavers!**

- A. Abraham did not always act in perfect accord with his faith. While Abraham was in Egypt, his faith wavered. He tricked the Egyptians by letting them think that Sarah was his sister, but the Egyptians discovered the falsehood. "Pharoah called Abram, and said, what is this that thou hast done unto me? Why didst thou not tell me that she was thy wife? Why saidst thou, she is my sister? So, I might have taken her to me to wife: now therefore behold thy wife, take her, and go thy way" (Gen. 12:18-19).

- B. Walking by faith does not mean a perfect life. Faith does not guarantee absolute perfection. At times we will waver, as the pilgrimage of faith is marked by ups and downs. The cure to wavering is to “get back in line with God.” Abraham repented often of his failure to walk by faith.

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III. **At various times, our Faith needs Authentication.**

- A. Abraham proved his faith by sacrificial living. When Abraham was ninety-nine, God appeared and repeated the former promise of a land and of descendants to occupy it. “God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shall call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him” (Gen. 17:19). When a son was born to Abraham and Sarah, they named him Isaac. The boy grew into a fine young man. While Abraham and Sarah rejoiced over their young son, God made a strong command. He told Abraham to sacrifice Isaac. Abraham demonstrated the reality of his faith by obeying the command of God. Of course, God stopped Abraham from sacrificing his son and provided a ram for the sacrifice.
- B. Proving our faith is a vital part of living. God presents opportunities for people of faith to demonstrate its reality. Each day faith needs to be authenticated to a watching world. James urged people to prove their faith. “Yea, a man says, thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works” (James 2:18).

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IV. **Faith is always adequate for life’s crisis!**

- A. Abraham found God to be adequate for the crisis of life. All throughout Abraham’s life, God helped with his needs. God helped when he needed guidance, encouragement, assurance, and comfort. Without his relationship with God, Abraham would have had a tragic deficiency in his life.
- B. Faith in God helps us through the crisis of life. The person of faith has an edge, for he or she has a Savior to help with the crisis of life. You need the Lord as you go through life. As you seek him, you will find that He is adequate. You should be a person of faith!!