

THE FATHER OF FAITH

Key scripture: Hebrew 11: 8

In Hebrews 11, we could rightfully say that the flag of faith is being held up in front of us through the lives of the heroes of the faith. In some ways, we may be overwhelmed by their faithful example and feel like the "flag" is too far ahead. But instead of lowering the bar, we ought to be motivated to "catch up with the flag" and demonstrate true faith in God through our lives as well.

Abraham is one of the greatest faith examples and is referred to as the father of faith. Abraham's father was a moon-worshipper in Ur of the Chaldeans. But God began to speak and Abraham listened. He struck out from his home and his people to obey God's call to "go to the land I will show you." His wife was barren and old, but God promised Abram a son. "He believed the Lord," Scripture tells us, "and he credited it to him as righteousness" and he became known as "the friend of God."

Abraham was a flawed man who followed a perfect God. What changed him was a constant belief that this God who spoke to him would keep his amazing promises. And God did. Abraham is rightly called "the father of faith," for he blazed the trail for us. You and I walk that same trail of faith today. We have vital lessons to learn from the faith of Abraham.

According to Hebrews, Abraham demonstrated great faith in the face of four uncertainties of life, uncertainties that we often grapple with as the followers of Christ.

Discussion Points

(1) How did Abraham display his faith without knowing WHERE to go? *Genesis 12:1-9, Hebrews 11:8-9, Gen 12:4, Gen 22:18*

(2) How did Abraham display faith when he didn't know WHY?
Genesis 22:1-17

(3) How have you displayed unwavering faith in the past and what was the result?

(4) What have you learnt from Abraham's life that you can emulate?