



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Hebrews 11:8-12 (NAS)

Topic: "The Practical Details of Faith"

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- 8 By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going.
- 9 By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise;
- 10 for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.
- 11 By faith even Sarah herself received ability to conceive, even beyond the proper time of life, since she considered Him faithful who had promised.
- 12 Therefore there was born even of one man, and him as good as dead at that, as many descendants AS THE STARS OF HEAVEN IN NUMBER, AND INNUMERABLE AS THE SAND WHICH IS BY THE SEASHORE.

I. ABRAHAM, AN IMPORTANT MAN OF FAITH

- A. Father Of All Who Believe *Romans 4:1*
- B. Genesis 12 – 25 Records His Life Of Faith
- C. Paul Points To Abraham As A Man Justified By Faith *Romans 4:2*
- D. Abraham Is Mentioned 74 times In The New Testament
- E. Hebrews 11 Gives More Attention To Abraham Than Any Other

II. FAITH OBEYS THE CALL

- A. Abraham Left Ur, went to Haran and then to Canaan *Acts 7:2, 3*
- B. The Call
 - 1. Outward call *Matthew 22:14*
 - 2. Inward call *Romans 8:28-30; II Timothy 1:9*
- C. Obedience Is The Natural Response To Faith *Romans 1:5; Matthew 7:21; John 3:39; Luke 5:28*

III. FAITH CALL US TO LIVE AS ALIENS IN THIS WORLD

- A. Abraham Did Not Take Ownership Of The Land Of Canaan
- B. Abraham Lived In Tents
- C. Abraham Lived As An Outsider
- D. Do We Stand Out As Different In Our Day? *I Timothy 6:17-19*
- E. Faith Calls Us To Focus On Eternity

IV. FAITH OVERCOMES SEEMINLY INSURMOUNTABLE PROBLEMS

- A. Sarah Was Barren
- B. Abraham And Sarah Were Too Old *Genesis 17:5, 6*
- C. Faith Rests On God's Promises
- D. Faith Does Not Rest On Presumptions Of What God Will Do
- E. Faith Believes God Will Keep His Promises In His Timing