

# **ABRAHAM AND SARAH'S FAITH**

## **Hebrews 11:8-12**

**Let's see how Abraham and Sarah's faith functioned as they traveled with God**

### **I. ABRAHAM'S LEAVING** (8)

#### **A. HE OBEYED WHEN CALLED**

1. The calling: An invitation to participate
2. The obedience: He answered the summons

#### **B. HE WENT TO RECEIVE AN INHERITANCE**

1. This could be exciting but also exasperating
2. Going out > He left all that was familiar

#### **C. HE DIDN'T KNOW WHERE HE WAS GOING**

1. His is a daring faith
2. He was totally unfamiliar with where he was going
3. Note: He did not know where he was going, but he did know who was calling him

### **II. ABRAHAM'S LIVING** (9)

#### **A. AS AN ALIEN**

1. A visitor
2. In a foreign land

#### **B. IN TENTS**

1. Portable housing
2. Putting down no roots

#### **C. WITH FAMILY**

1. Living in nothing permanent
2. As heirs of God's promise

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### III. **ABRAHAM'S LOOKING** (10)

#### A. HE IS FUTURE-FOCUSED

1. Expecting something more
2. Not caught up in the temporal

#### B. HE IS CITY-FOCUSED

1. A city with foundations
2. A city implies fellowship - See Heb. 12:22-24
3. A city designed and built by God

### IV. **ABRAHAM'S LEGACY** (11-12)

#### A. A BELIEVING WIFE (11)

1. Initially she is faltering in her faith - See Gen. 18:10-14
2. But then believing that she could conceive because she was convinced

#### B. A BIG FAMILY (12)

1. From one man ... multitudes
2. A man who believed the impossible gained the improbable!
3. Seeing God's promise performed - See Rom. 4:17-21

### V. **ABRAHAM'S LESSONS**

#### A. NOT A MAN OF PERFECT FAITH

1. He waivered about God's protection > Lying twice about Sarah, calling her his sister
2. He waffled regarding God's particulars > Having Ishmael by Hagar

#### B. BUT A MAN OF POWERFUL FAITH

1. He didn't have directions, but he believed in the director (8)
2. He didn't have land, but he had a Lord (9)
3. He had no house, but he did have heaven (10)
4. He had a faulty wife who became a faith-filled wife (11)
5. He had nothing, but God gave him everything (12)

### **CONCLUSION:**

**If we follow God's plans and believe God's promises we will gain God's provisions**