

Faith Secrets from the HALL OF FAITH

A Study from the 11th Chapter of the book of Hebrews

Abraham – Part 1

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. ⁹By 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; ¹⁰for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.*
Hebrews 11:8-10 NASB

I. Abraham could hear God's voice –

- a. *By faith Abraham, when he was called...Hebrews 11:8a*
- b. You must become familiar with God's voice by spending time with Him – Jesus said: ***“My sheep hear my voice...” John 10:27***
- c. You also become familiar with God's voice and develop your faith by spending time in God's Word – ***Faith comes by hearing*** (and hearing and hearing) – ***the Word of God. Romans 10:17***

II. Abraham obeyed by going – (his faith prompted action)

- a. *...obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; Hebrews 11:8b*
- b. Many Christians in modern society want to be able to logically justify the actions that God prompts. Whether it is for their own internal comfort or so they can make a case for the reasonableness of the course of action to others (such as family) – attempting to do this will often cause them to take no action at all because they can't figure it out logically.
- c. Others are content to have a “faith” that never translates into action – they state that they “believe” God but will never take action prompted by His Word or the Spirit of God
- d. Abraham demonstrated the reality of his faith by his corresponding actions
- e. Faith without action is dead according to James 2:26 - ***Indeed, just as the body without a spirit is dead, so too faith without actions is dead. (Complete Jewish Bible version)***

III. Abraham was willing to follow God when he didn't know where God was taking him –

- a. *...and he went out, not knowing where he was going. Hebrews 11:8c*
- b. The enemy of your soul – Satan – will always speak words of FEAR in an attempt to combat your willingness to step out in faith as God directs when you don't know where you will end up. (African antelope can jump over 10 feet vertically and more than 30 feet forward – but won't leap at all if it cannot see where its feet will land)
- c. Abraham trusted God even when he didn't know where God was exactly leading him. This is a hallmark of his faith and we must have an equal faith to be able to land where God wants us.

IV. Abraham was willing to live in unfamiliar and uncomfortable circumstances to obey God

- a. ***By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob...Hebrews 11:9a***
- b. The curse that modern-day conveniences have brought to society is that many Christians are sorely tempted to choose their own comfort and security over obedience and faith in God
- c. To be a person of faith and to receive all that God has for you must be willing to sacrifice comfort and worldly security – the truth is that being in the center of God's will is far more secure than what the world has to offer.

V. Abraham wanted God's Promise more than anything else in life

- a. ***...for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.***
- b. How hungry for God and His promises are you?