

Faith Worth Remembering

True faith is not abstract. The kind of faith that pleases God has stories attached to it. In this series we will look at some of the Bible's best faith stories retold in Hebrews 11. They are stories of courage, stories of resilience, stories worth remembering. And since their God is our God, our remembering can inspire us to live some faith stories of our own.

Week 3: ...Acts on Promises

1. Author David Brooks distinguished between "*resume virtues*" and "*eulogy virtues*." Resume virtues explain the things you've done - degrees earned, skills honed, jobs held. But eulogy virtues explain the person you've become - integrity, character, values, etc. When we remember family and friends at funerals, why do you think the kind of person they were feels more important to talk about than the things they did? Follow up: If you feel comfortable, share a eulogy virtue of a family member or friend whose legacy you want to be remembered.
2. **Read Hebrews 11:8-9** (for context: *Genesis 12:1-7*). **Faith lives in between the present and the promise.** Where do you see the "in between" places for Abraham in this passage? Follow up: What are ways God has called you to follow him into the unknown?
3. **Read Hebrews 11:11-12** (for context: *Genesis 15:1-5 and 21:1-2*). Abraham didn't have faith by himself. He and Sarah counted God faithful together. How do you keep choosing faith when the promise takes longer than you thought?
4. **Read Hebrews 6:13-19** (for context: *Genesis 22:15-18*). **Faith lives on hope.** In Abraham's story, we're told in **Hebrews 11:10** he was "*looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.*" Despite the lengths God goes to make his promise trustworthy, why do you think we still fall into doubt about God's promises? How does hope provide security or anchor us?
5. **Read Hebrews 11:13-16.** What does it mean to live as foreigners and strangers in today's world? What are practical ways you can have a "foreigner" mindset in your daily life?
6. **Read John 14:1-3.** Finish by praying the future God has promised us - the city with foundations and the rooms in the Father's house.

