

Persevering For His Promise

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"By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." (Hebrews 11:8-12 ESV)

Faith produces obedience.

"By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going." (v. 8)

"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." (Hebrews 11:1 NIV)

Faith calls us out of the "normal."

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"I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world." (John 17:14 ESV)

Faith produces patience.

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"And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end, ¹²so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises...¹⁵And thus Abraham, having patiently waited, obtained the promise." (Hebrews 6:11-12, 15 ESV)