

Believing for Others' Salvation

All About Salvation – Part 5 (Hebrews 11:8-12)

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James 5:17 (NIV) Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years.

Matthew 21:22 (NIV) If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.

James 2:17 (NIV) In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

Hebrews 11:1 (NIV) Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

1. _____ by faith

Hebrews 11:8 (NIV) By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance ...

1A. Move in _____

Hebrews 11:8 (NIV) By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went ...

1B. Move into the _____

Hebrews 11:8 (NIV) By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.

2. _____ by faith

2A. Pioneer despite temporary _____

Hebrews 11:9 (NIV) By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.

2B. Pioneer expecting eternal _____

Hebrews 11:10 (NIV) For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

3. _____ by faith

3A. Multiply through God's _____

Hebrews 11:11 (NIV) By faith Abraham, even though he was past age--and Sarah herself was barren--was enabled to become a father because he considered him faithful who had made the promise.

3B. Multiply _____ circumstances

Hebrews 11:12 (NIV) And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

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God calls every believer to be a witness to the lost (Matthew 28:18-20). What similarities do you see with God's call on your life to be a witness compared with Abraham's call?

Intro. What do you think is limiting yourself or others in our church from leading more people to salvation?

How would you apply the example of Elijah to prayers for others' salvation (James 5:17)?

What role does faith play in answered prayer (Matthew 21:22, Hebrews 11:1)?

In praying for the lost, what kind of actions must accompany faith in order for them to come to salvation (James 2:17)?

1A. How difficult do you think it was for Abraham to obey God when He called him to move to a distant land (Hebrews 11:8a)?

1B. Why do you think that God often calls us to move with Him to an unknown destination (Hebrews 11:8b)?

2A. Why does God's call often involve discomfort and sacrifice (Hebrew 11:9)?

2B. What makes temporary discomfort and sacrifice worthwhile (Hebrews 11:10)?

In what ways does being a witness for Jesus incur discomfort and sacrifice?

How can believers join together in prayer and faith to see more people saved?

3A. Abraham became a physical father through faith in God's promise (Hebrews 11:11). What lessons can you learn from this to apply to becoming a spiritual parent (leading someone to salvation)?

3B. The Bible says that Abraham's body was as good as dead, yet countless descendants came from him (Hebrews 11:12). How can his example encourage us in seeing many people saved?

Who would you like your Life Group to pray for and believe with you for salvation?