

MESSAGE

THE LEGACY OF FAITH

FAITH LIFE | GENESIS 25:7-11; HEBREWS 11:8-19 | NOV. 22/23, 2014 | MATT ERICKSON

"Then Abraham breathed his last and died at a good old age, an old man and full of years; and he was gathered to his people." (Genesis 25:8)

Faith That Is Built on God's Word (Hebrews 11:8)

Faith That Is Bold Beyond Understanding (Hebrews 11:8)

Faith That Looks Beyond What Is Seen (Hebrews 11:9-10, 13-16)

Faith That Is Tested and Strong (Hebrews 11:17-19)

Faith That Looks To Future Generations (Genesis 24:1-67)

Faith That Endures (Genesis 25:7-8)

STUDY GUIDE

1. Who is someone you know who has held onto faith in God over the long haul of life? What did that look like?
2. This weekend at Eastbrook, we conclude the "Faith Life" series by looking at the end of Abraham's life in Genesis 25:1-11 and the New Testament reflection on his life in Hebrews 11:8-19. In preparation for this study ask God to speak to you through your study of the Scripture, and then read both Bible passages aloud.
3. Over these last few months, we have journeyed with Abraham from His original calling by God in Genesis 12 through many ups and downs to the conclusion of his life here in Genesis 25. What has caught your attention most over the last few weeks concerning the life of faith?
4. In Hebrews 11:8-12 and 11:17-19, the phrase "by faith" introduces several instances of Abraham's life of faith. How would you summarize each of these "by faith" statements about Abraham?
5. In the midst of discussing Abraham's specific life of faith, the writer of Hebrews addresses a very unique aspect of faith in 11:13-16. What would you say the writer is addressing and how does this relate to Abraham?
6. What do you think it means to live by faith in such a way that we "long for a better country" (Hebrews 11:16)? Is this part of your life of faith or not? What do you think it would look like for you to live in this way?
7. From what you read in Hebrews 11:19, how would you characterize Abraham's view of God? Why do you think Abraham's faith was so strong?
8. As you reflect on this study, what do you want your legacy of faith to be? If you are alone, write it down somewhere so you can think about it further this week. If you are with a small group, take some time to discuss these things with one another. Close in prayer.

[Next week: We begin a new series entitled "All I Want for Christmas." To prepare for this series, consider what you really want for Christmas. You may want to invite friends to join you.]