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- 1) Abraham, the "father of faith," started out old, childless,
and with LIMITED OBEDIENCE
- 2) This WORLD is not your HOME
- 3) When waiting, always focus on what GOD wants YOU
to do, not what YOU want GOD to do.
- 4) Faith doesn't focus on the IMPOSSIBILITY of
the promise - but on the IMMUTABILITY of
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- 5) People *before* Jesus were SAVED just like us today -
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What do you think the father meant by “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief?”

GET PRACTICAL

7) This week we saw how Abraham had to wait a long time before experiencing any of God’s promises. What are some promises you are waiting for or looking forward to?

What can you do to keep your focus on “what God wants you to do” instead of on what *you* want God to do?

8) What can you do to stay focused on the immutability (unchangingness) of God, instead of getting sidetracked by your circumstances or limitations?

9) What do you most need to remember from this week’s message and/or homework?

PRAYER REQUESTS

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Life Group Homework For the week of March 3, 2024

MY STORY

- 1) Looking at the following list, what definitions or ideas of faith have you held in the past?
- Faith means feeling confident
 - Faith means an absence of fear
 - Faith is blind faith
 - Faith is wishful thinking
 - Faith is a power to accomplish great works
 - Faith can be in word only (without works)
 - Other:

How has your understanding of faith changed or grown?

QUICK REVIEW

- 2) Looking back at Hebrews 11:8-16 and your notes from this Sunday’s message, what stood out to you or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

- 3) This week we read where God said, “*Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward.*” (Genesis 15:1) What does this mean to you that God is your shield and exceedingly great reward?

What other names or titles of God are most meaningful to you right now, and why?

4) The story of Job is one of great suffering - his children are tragically killed, his livestock stolen or destroyed, his health suddenly awful, and - on top of that - his friends are a terrible support! Yet, amidst all of Job's suffering, he says some pretty incredible things:

Job 1:20-21 - "[20] Then Job arose, tore his robe, and shaved his head; and he fell to the ground and worshiped. [21] And he said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked shall I return there. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; Blessed be the name of the LORD.""

Job 13:15a - "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him."

Job 19:25-27 - "[25] For I know that my Redeemer lives, And He shall stand at last on the earth; [26] And after my skin is destroyed, this I know, That in my flesh I shall see God, [27] Whom I shall see for myself, And my eyes shall behold, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!"

What stands out to you or confuses you from these verses or from Job's story?

5) What stands out to you from the following quotes?
"Faith never knows where it is being led, but it knows and loves the One who is leading. It is a life of faith, not of intellect and reason. It is a life of knowing the One who sends us out. The root of faith is knowledge of a person—Jesus Christ himself. One of the biggest traps we fall into is the idea that God will surely lead us to worldly success. He will surely lead us into a personal relationship with Jesus. That is his measure of success." - Oswald Chambers

"Patience is more than endurance. Our lives are in the hands of God like a bow and arrow in the hands of an archer. God is aiming at something we cannot see. He stretches and strains, and every now and again we say, "I can't take it anymore." God doesn't waver. He goes on stretching until his purpose is in sight. Then he lets the arrow fly." - Oswald Chambers

6) What stands out to you from the following passage?

Mark 9:17-27 - "[17] Then one of the crowd answered and said, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. [18] "And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not." [19] He answered him and said, "O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me." [20] Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth. [21] So He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. [22] "And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." [23] Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." [24] Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" [25] When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it: "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!" [26] Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead." [27] But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose."