



NOTE: Our lesson questions are based on the NIV 2011 edition. Our preference is your first time through the questions, you answer without consulting commentaries - delight in what the Holy Spirit will reveal to you.

LESSON 19
HEBREWS 11:8-19

1. How did last week's study of **Hebrews 11:1-7** and Jesus, the better faith, inspire your own faith journey this week?

2. Pray for an observant and receptive heart as you read through **Hebrews 11:8-19** that begins and ends with two different rugged journeys of faith in the promises of God, even though they did not receive all the things promised. Where have you seen God fulfill a promise and what promise are you still waiting to see fulfilled?

3. Read **Genesis 12:1-7** along with **Hebrews 11:8-10**.
 - a) What is the evidence that Abram, later renamed Abraham by God, acted by faith, and what motivated his faith?

- b) Recall a specific incident or season when God "called you out" of what was known into the unknown. How was your faith tested and what challenges of obedience did you navigate?
4. Read about Sarah in **Genesis 17:15-21, 18:9-15, 21:1-7** and **Hebrews 11:11-12**. Track the progression of Sarah's faith.
5. NOTE: There were approximately 25 years between God's first promise of descendents to Abraham and when Isaac was born.
- a) What astounds you about Abraham's faith? Read Paul's commentary of Abraham's life in **Romans 4:18-22**.
- b) What did Jesus say about Abraham in **John 8:56**, and why is it significant?
6. Read **Hebrews 11:13-16**.
- a) What is central to the faith of the men and women listed in **Chapter 11**?
- b) What were they longing for and why is this important to living by faith?

7. a) Read **V17-19**. Recount how Abraham's faith was tested and how his actions show he continued to walk by faith in God.
- b) In what ways do you wrestle with what God asked of Abraham and with Abraham's response?

8. CONSIDER JESUS: THE BETTER COUNTRY

We read in **Hebrews 11:16** that people living by faith were longing for a better country—a heavenly one - and that God had prepared a city for them. Marvel at the deeper truth for His followers: Jesus is that better country, better than any earthly dwelling. Allow the verses below to reform your desires.

- **Psalm 27:4-5**

- **Psalm 84:10**

- **Isaiah 28:16**

- **2 Corinthians 5:1-5**

- **Revelation 21:1-3**

MEMORY VERSE

"All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth." Hebrews 11:13

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