



What is Faith? | Genesis 12:1-4 & Hebrews 11:8-16

Genesis 12:1-4

12 Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. **2** And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. **3** I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

4 So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Hebrews 11:8-16

8 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. **9** By 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. **10** For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. **11** By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. **12** Therefore 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.

13 These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. **14** For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. **15** If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. **16** But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.



The best part about quarantine weekends is all the time you have to worry about the future.

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Faith is something you already have and faith is something only God can satisfy.

Something You Already Have

Hebrews 11:8

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“[Modern people] could not simply remain the first people in recorded history to have absolutely no explanation for what we are doing here and no story to give life purpose.” – Douglas Murray, *The Madness of Crowds*

Something Only God Can Satisfy

Hebrews 11:14-16

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Tom Brady: “Why do I have three super bowl rings and still think there’s something greater out there for me? I mean, maybe a lot of people would say, ‘This is what it is. I’ve reached my goal, my dream, my life is...’ Me? I think, “God, there’s got to be more than this.”

Interviewer: “What’s the answer?”

Tom Brady: “I wish I knew...I wish I knew...”

“Once there, they discover that sunshine isn’t enough. They get tired of oranges, even of avocado...and passion fruit. Nothing happens. They don’t know what to do with their time...They watch the waves come in at Venice...but after seeing one wave, you’ve seen them all. The same is true of the airplanes at Glendale...Their boredom becomes more and more terrible.” –Nathaniel Hawthorne, *Day of the Locust*



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no offence but what is like.....the point. are we just supposed to work and buy coffee and listen to podcasts until we die. im bored

“Creatures are not born with desires unless satisfaction for those desires exists. A baby feels hunger: well, there is such a thing as food. A duckling wants to swim: well, there is such a thing as water. Men feel sexual desire: well, there is such a thing as sex. If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world.” –C.S. Lewis

Genesis 12:4

⁴So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him.

A mission worth living for

Genesis 12:3

“...in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Hebrews 11:8

⁸By 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.

A community worth living with

Genesis 12:9

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.

A hope that disappointment and suffering can't destroy

Hebrews 11:13

¹³These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.