

FAITH LIKE A MIGHTY OAK

Hebrews 11:8-16

What is God asking you, in faith...

- to leave behind?
- to rely on His power for?
- to wait patiently for?
- to be contented with?

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Consider the questions from the outline on Sunday. Discuss things God is asking of you personally in faith to do.
2. Read Hebrews 11:8 – 16. Growing an oak tree of faith will require endurance from trials and stresses. How did Abraham's faith grow over the years?
3. Read Genesis 12:1 – 3 and Joshua 24:2. Discuss how God calling Abraham out of Ur mirrors God calling us out of the world. Why is obedience in faith to that call so important and what should Abraham have left behind in Ur?
4. Can you identify areas of your life where disobedience caused you trouble and excess baggage later on even though God's promises remained unchanged?
5. How did Sarah being listed as a woman of faith change your view of faith? See also Genesis 18: 12 – 14 and Matthew 17:20.
6. Waiting will always be required for a man or woman of faith. Discuss ways Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses and others were required to wait. What was the outcome of their faithful patience?
7. What is true contentment? Why does faith require it? How does the promise of a true homeland, a heavenly one in verse 16 change your thinking of being contented in your current place or circumstances.



WHY
FAITH
MATTERS

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"I have come home at last! This is my real country! I belong here. This is the land I have been looking for all my life, though I never knew it till now. . . . Come further up, come further in!" — C.S. Lewis, The Last Battle