

FULFILLED
IN CHRIST

THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

Hebrews 11:13 - 22
“Homeland”

Genesis 12:1

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.”



Abraham



Abraham “gives” his wife away to another man...twice.

Sarah has Abraham make a kid with her servant.

Go.

Blessed to be
a Blessing.

“I’ll give you a
huge family”

Abraham



Isaac



But God ultimately comes through
and Sarah gives birth to Isaac

And in faith Abraham is willing to
sacrifice Isaac, but God interjects
and has them sacrifice a ram instead.

Abraham



Isaac



Jacob



Jacob tricks Esau
into selling his
“firstborn”
birthright,

Then tricks his
elderly blind dad
into giving him the
“firstborn” blessing.

Abraham



Isaac



Jacob



Joseph



Jacob (renamed Israel) has 12 sons (who would become the "12 tribes of Israel"), Joseph (#11) being his favorite. His older brothers hated him and sell him into slavery.

Joseph ends up in Egypt as the #2 to Pharoah. There is a massive famine and Joseph, by God's power, devises a plan to feed/save everybody, including his own brothers that sold him in the first place.

Abraham



Isaac



Jacob



Joseph



Genesis 50:20

(Joseph tells his brothers)

“As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good,
to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.”

1. The Tug of Two Worlds
2. Freedom from this World
3. Freedom for this World

Hebrews 11:13-22

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.

¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, ¹⁸ of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” ¹⁹ He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. ²⁰ By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. ²¹ By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. ²² By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

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John 15:19

If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

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Identity

Values

Goals



When have you been an outsider?

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Romans 8:22

For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³ And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

Tug of Two Worlds

Romans 7:21-25

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³ but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Tug of Two Worlds

Philippians 2:5-8

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John 6:48
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Ephesians 2:19

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

Freedom From This World

1 Peter 1:17-19

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World-Pressures

World-Treasures

To be satisfied you need to....Have this...Do this...Believe this...

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Identity

Glory

Love

Satisfaction

Can you fathom how free you would be
when you truly realize that you are fully satisfied in Christ?

Freedom For This World

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Jeremiah 29:7

But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

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2 Corinthians 5:20-21

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Being in but not of this World

"Make heaven more real to me than any earthly thing has ever been."
— A.W. Tozer.

What is my
fully-satisfied
Identity in
Jesus?

How do I give too
much power to the
cares and pressures
of this world?

If I realize how free I
am, how can my free-
self love somebody
this week?

The Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 6:9-13)

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

¹⁰ Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread,

¹² and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³ And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

(For Yours is the Kingdom, and the Power,
and the Glory, Forever and Ever. Amen)

Benediction

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So then you are no longer strangers and
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Please join us up front after worship if you'd like for us to pray with you