

# Faith of a City

## Hebrews 11.8-16

### Calling

- Step of faith always
  - Sometimes clear, sometimes not POLAROID
  - Church planting, budget, student pastor
- Adventure sometimes
  - Frees us from comparison, shame, over/under-spiritualizing
  - Frees us to focus
    - CONCUSSION COURSE – focus, swat away what distractions

### Obedience

- Hardest part of following
  - So often don't know next step until we take current one
  - To mitigate, God only tells us a little bit at a time. If we knew the end from the beginning, we wouldn't go (v13)
  - We ought to expect God to work *through* us, but He's mostly concerned about working *in* us through the process – this is His GREATEST intention
  - *Following* is goal (won't always see the outcome)
- Expect miracles (Sarah)
- Sacrifice required (tents, Isaac, etc.) – greatest cost is NOT following though
  - Part of the sacrifice will be to live as strangers and exiles while here - our lives will and SHOULD look diff than those around us because it's tents now but treasures later

### Reward

- Walked with God (it's own reward because it's what he was created for)
- Saw miracles (it's own reward because you forever have a story to tell)
- Found a city
  - No looking back - forward to the better city, prepared by God, unashamed.

### QUESTIONS:

What do you need from God right now?

What area do you wish he'd speak to?

What distractions are flying at you?

What promise are you holding on to that is keeping you going or keeping you grounded (in a good way)?

What would you say is the most exciting part of your walk with God right now? The most struggle-filled? The most boring?