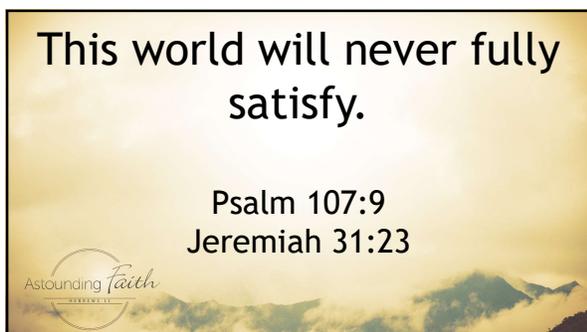
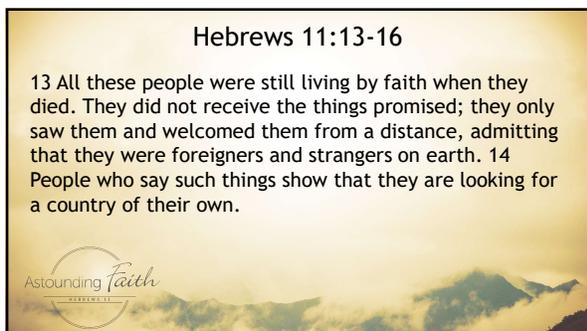




1



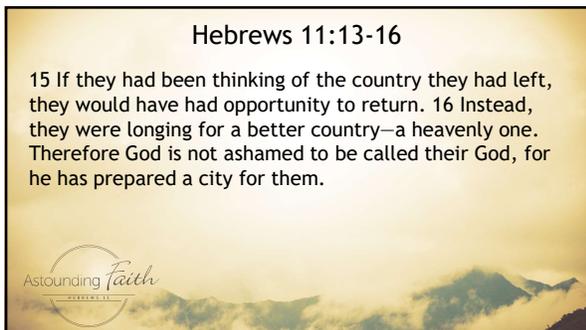
2



3

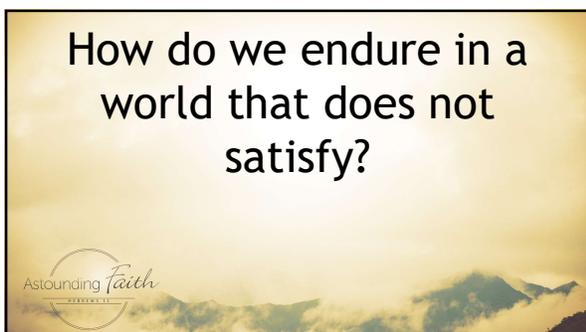
Hebrews 11:13-16

15 If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.



4

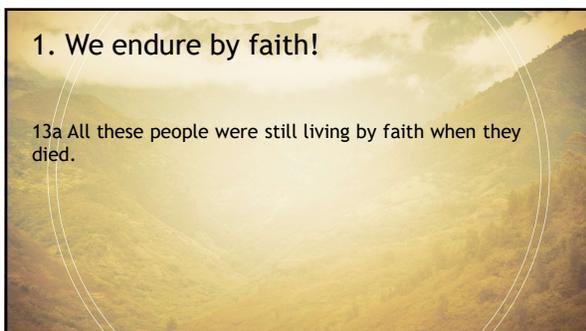
How do we endure in a world that does not satisfy?



5

1. We endure by faith!

13a All these people were still living by faith when they died.



6

BELIEVE, SEE, DO

Faith is a choice to believe what God has said.
What has God said to you?

Faith sees what others do not see.
What is God showing you?

Faith acts even in the face of doubt.
What is God asking you to do?

7

God's Promises!

1. **God promises to love you unconditionally.**
(Romans 8:38-39)
2. **God promises that you are not alone.**
(Psalm 27:10, Deuteronomy 31:6)
3. **God promises He will fight for you.**
(Psalm 5:12, Romans 8:31)
4. **God promises He will hear your prayers.**
(John 14:13-14)
5. **God promises He is a God of hope.**
(Psalm 126:5, Matthew 5:4, Romans 15:13)

8

2. We endure by acknowledging that this world is not our home.

13b - 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.

9

“The world as we know it must no doubt be good. True. But the final goal of every human being is the enjoyment of God and not of this world. Therefore, nothing that this world can offer, not even its most innocent blessings (daily bread, health, natural affection or friendship) must be allowed to engage the whole heart. If it were, we would be treating as our home what was meant to be only a wayside inn. Unless we practice detachment, the world, however good in itself, it will become for us a danger.”

- C.S. Lewis

10

3. We endure by shifting our desires.

14 People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. 15 If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

11

What longing needs to shift in my soul?



12

Hebrews 11:39-40

39 These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, 40 since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

13

So ... what might you do with that?



14

I declare that I will endure by faith.
I reject fear.

I declare that God's promises are for me.
I reject any doubts that come against God's word.

I declare that this is not my home.
I reject seeking ultimate satisfaction in the world.

Today, I declare that by faith I will long for a better country - a heavenly one.



15
