

Faith doesn't say, "I think." Faith says, "I know." ~adapted from William Barclay Letter to the Hebrews, page 145

- Hebrews 12:1

The Life of Faith - Part 2

3. Faith WAITS for God's promises.

A. Faith waits EXPECTANTLY. (Abraham and Sarah)

- Romans 8:28-29

[Abraham] weighed the human impossibility of becoming a father against the divine impossibility of God being able to break his word and decided that since God is God, nothing is impossible. ~R. Kent Hughes, Hebrews, vol. 2 page 100

B. Faith FINISHES well. (Patriarchs)

C. Faith has ETERNITY in view. (Patriarchs)

- John 8:56, Ephesians 2:19, Philippians 3:20, 1 Samuel 2:30

Am I an American, who happens to be a Christian? OR Am I a Christian, who happens to live in America?

4. Faith TRUSTS God with the future.

A. Faith holds EVERYTHING with an open hand. (Abraham)

B. Faith looks BEYOND the present.

- Exodus 13:19, Romans 8:32

Abraham –

Isaac –

Jacob –

Jospeh –

5. Fatih MAKES the hard choices.

A. Faith FEARS God more than man. (Moses' parents)

God needs our obedience, not our help, our trust, not our counsel. He makes the plans; we walk in them by faith. ~John MacArthur, Hebrews page 349

B. Faith IDENTIFIES with God's people. (Moses)

C. Faith REJECTS worldly pleasures and treasures. (Moses)

- Romans 8:18

Obedience is not always easy, but in the end sin is much, much harder. ~John MacArthur, Hebrews page 352-353

Sin will always; Take you farther than you want to go; Cost you more than you want to pay; Keep you longer than you want to stay.

D. Faith preserves regardless of the COST. (Moses)

- Matthew 10:28

The course and the quality of our lives are determined much more by our decisions than by our circumstances. ~John MacArthur, Hebrews page 346

How do I need to respond to live a life of faith?

