receive what God has promised



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Living Faith in the Life of Abraham & Sarah Hebrews 11:8-19

In an effort to motivate his Jewish readers to not shrink back from their faith in Jesus, the author continues to give Old Testament examples of men and women of faith. In this section, the author shows how Abraham and Sarah lived and died in faith looking forward to, and waiting for, all God had promised. In this text, God calls us, like the saints of old, to live and die by faith, looking to Jesus Christ to receive all He has promised.

1. _____ looking forward to what God has

promised

NEXT STEP

Prayerfully consider how God is calling you to live by faith right now. Daydream about what's coming for you through Christ when your time of exile is done on earth.

NEXT WEEK: Living Faith in the lives of Isaac, Jacob & Joseph

2. _____ looking forward to what God has

promised



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CONNECT (ask these questions to check in with your group)

Share any stories of Christians living by faith that have inspired you.

DISCUSS (use some of these questions to process God's Word together)

1. Read Hebrews 11:8–19 together as a group. How did you "come under" God's Word in the text and message this week?

2. Looking at the text, in what specific ways did Abraham and Sarah live by faith in God's promises? In each instance, what were they looking forward to as they obeyed by faith?

3. Verses 13–16 talk about God's people dying in faith without having fully received the things God promised. What have we received that Abraham and Sarah did not? What are we still waiting for?

4. What is included in God's "promise package" and how do all the items in that "package" relate to Christ?

5. Share practical ways you think we as Christians wrongfully make this earth our home. Then share practical ways we can live as strangers and exiles on earth.

6. From the Bible and your own sanctified imagination, what do you imagine the city God has prepared to be like? What are you looking forward to about being there?

PRAY (use these prompts to pray in response to God's Word)

- Pray for the Lord to increase your faith as you look forward to what He has promised.
- Pray prayers of praise, thanking God for the ways He has already fulfilled some of His promises in sending His only Son to die and rise for us.
- Pray for hearts and minds that see ourselves as strangers and exiles here, focused on Christ and His mission more than our own.