

# A CLOUD OF WITNESSES

## DOCUSERIES

### Episode 5 | Unwavering Faith | Hebrews 11:8-10 & 17-19

Abraham waited for 25 years to see the promises of God fulfilled in his lifetime, and even then, some promises he was only able to see by faith. Like Abraham, we don't put faith in our faith, but we trust in God's faithfulness. It's our knowledge of God's love for us and His unchanging promises that give assurance to our hearts.

*Leaders: Take your group through each section: Pray, Reflect, and Reach. Keep in mind the time allowances. In the Reflect section, feel free to focus on several of these questions instead of all as time allows.*



#### PRAY (20 min)

As a Home Group, share about a time when you wavered in your faith but still saw God's faithfulness. How did this strengthen your faith in God? Pray that God increases your faith and your trust in Him.



#### REWIND (20 min)

Please share how God enabled or convicted you about preferring others over yourself. As a direct response to last week's "Reach" challenge, did you serve anyone beyond your normal capacity?



#### READ (10 min)

As a Home Group read **Hebrews 11:8-10 & 17-19**



#### REFLECT (25 min)

Talk through Abraham's story as presented in Hebrews 11:8-10 & 17-19

Like Abraham, you have been instructed to live as a sojourner in this world. Just as Abraham received a promise of inheritance through his son, so we have received an inheritance if we trust in the Son of God. But, while waiting for the promise, Abraham was instructed to sacrifice his only son without wavering on the promise itself.

1. **What are some things God may be convicting you to sacrifice without giving up hope in Him?**
2. **How might you expect to see God's faithfulness in your life as you obey Him? What kind of blessings may result?**

God will never ask you to give up on His promises. Although, He may very well take you on a journey that seems to weaken you instead of strengthening you. It might seem counterintuitive but remember...Jesus is the author and finisher of our faith. We need to trust Him.

Look at this quote from the message this week. Share your thoughts.

**"If God should promise the end, then we should have no need to worry about the hardships faced in the middle. For whatever may come, we know where we will end up. That is faith. A child-like resolution in the heart that trusts no matter what."**

**Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.**

Philippians 2:3



**REACH** (5 min)

Considering our lesson this week, let's ask God to reveal something in our life that He would have us sacrifice or maybe consider some ways we have taken our eyes off of the promises of God. Let us confess these to a friend, a spouse, or elder in our church and pray believing God for a spiritual refreshing.

**Next week we will be looking forward to hearing how God has refreshed, refocused, & reinvigorated your faith!**

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