



May 7, 2017

*“By faith the people crossed the sea” - Hebrews 11:29*

**S**cripture: Read Hebrews 11:8-10, Genesis 12:1-9

- What does Scripture specifically say about Abraham’s relationship with God?  
Read 2 Chronicles 20:7, Isaiah 41:8, James 2:23

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- Though Abraham “by faith went to live in the land of promise, a foreign land” what does Scripture tell us of his / our ultimate and permanent “promised land?”  
- Hebrews 11:10, 13:14, Philippians 3:20,

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- If the symbol of Abraham’s life was a ‘tent,’ then the secret to Abraham’s life (as also found with his son and grandson) was an ‘\_\_\_\_\_’. Read these verses in Genesis - 12:8, 13:18, 22:9, 26:25 and 35:7

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## **E**quipping

- “By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called ... not knowing where he was going.” (Hebrews 11:8). Have you ever felt “called” without knowing “where you are going?” How do we discern this calling against that of our own desires?

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- Consider the promises that God made to Abraham; “Go to the land (Canaan) that I will show you” (Gen. 12:1), “I will make you a great nation” (Gen. 12:2), “I will make your name great” (Gen. 12:3). If granted these promises today, what would our expectation be regarding their fulfillment? As in Jeremiah 29:11, God’s promises, those for our good / His glory, are not always fulfilled in our lifetime.

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- Looking back to Hebrews 11:6 and the conditions for “drawing near to God,” what do you see in Abraham’s life that meets those conditions? Consider Hebrews 11:10 as the “why?” of Abraham’s obedience. Thoughts?

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## *A*pplication

- Reflecting on the faith of Abraham, is there anything you want to address in your own faith life? Are there opportunities to grow in obedience or reverence? How could you go about experiencing growth in these areas this week?

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*Lord, may we desire to listen, receive, discern, and follow your calling for our lives. May we, with Abraham-like faith, believe so strongly in your protection, provisions, and promises, that we naturally flow in-and-out of our own comfort zones, and may we continually express our gratitude for you through our worship. Amen.*