

Hebrews 11:8-19 Faith Will Help You All Day And Night 2.14.2010

Intro:

1. Your Faith In The Morning

“God our Father has made all things depend on faith so that whoever has faith will have everything, and whoever does not have faith will have nothing.” –Martin Luther

Hebrews 11:8 (HCSB) ⁸ **By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed and went** out to a place he was going to receive as an inheritance; he went out, **not knowing where** he was going.

Genesis 12:1-4 (HCSB) ¹ The Lord said to Abram: Go out from your land, your relatives, and your father’s house to the land that I will show you.

² I will make you into a great nation, I will bless you, I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

³ I will bless those who bless you, I will curse those who treat you with contempt, and all the peoples on earth will be blessed through you.

⁴ So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was 75 years old when he left Haran.

Acts 7:2-4 (HCSB) ² “Brothers and fathers,” he said, “listen: The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he settled in Haran,

³ and said to him: Get out of your country and away from your relatives, and come to the land that I will show you.

⁴ “Then he came out of the land of the Chaldeans and settled in Haran. And from there, after his father died, God had him move to this land in which you now live.

Luke 9:23 (HCSB) ²³ Then He said to [them] all, “If anyone wants to come with Me, he must deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow Me.

III: the African Impala can jump to a height of over 10 feet and cover a distance of greater than 30 feet, but are kept in zoo enclosures with a 3 foot solid wall – they will not jump if they cannot see where their feet will land.

2. Your Faith At Midday

“Faith has to do with things that are not seen and hope with things that are not at hand.” -

Thomas Aquinas

Hebrews 11:9-10 (HCSB) ⁹ By faith he stayed as a foreigner in the land of promise, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, co-heirs of the same promise.

¹⁰ For he was **looking forward** to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

Hebrews 11:13-16 (HCSB) ¹³ These all died in faith without having received the promises, but they **saw** them from a distance, **greeted** them, and **confessed** that they were foreigners and temporary residents on the earth.

¹⁴ Now those who say such things make it clear that they **are seeking** a homeland.

¹⁵ If they had been remembering that land they came from, they would have had opportunity to return.

¹⁶ But they now **aspire to a better land—a heavenly one**. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.

Matthew 13:17 (HCSB) ¹⁷ For I assure you: Many prophets and righteous people longed to see the things you see yet didn't see them; to hear the things you hear yet didn't hear them.

1 Peter 2:11 (HCSB) ¹¹ Dear friends, I urge you as aliens and temporary residents to abstain from fleshly desires that war against you.

Philippians 3:20 (HCSB) ²⁰ but our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Genesis 24:6-8 (HCSB) ⁶ Abraham answered him, “Make sure that you don't take my son back there.

⁷ The Lord, the God of heaven, who took me from my father's house and from my native land, who spoke to me and swore to me, ‘I will give this land to your offspring’—He will send His angel before you, and you can take a wife for my son from there.

⁸ If the woman is unwilling to follow you, then you are free from this oath to me, but don't let my son go back there.”

3. Your Faith In The Evening.

“Faith does not operate in the realm of the possible. There is no glory for God in that which is humanly possible. Faith begins where man’s power ends.” –George Muller

Hebrews 11:11-12 (HCSB) ¹¹ By faith even Sarah herself, when she was barren, received power to conceive offspring, even though she was past the age, since she considered that the One who had promised was faithful.

¹² And therefore from one man—in fact, from one as good as dead—came offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as innumerable as the grains of sand by the seashore.

Genesis 18:11-14 (HCSB) ¹¹ Abraham and Sarah were old and getting on in years. Sarah had passed the age of childbearing.

¹² So she laughed to herself: “After I have become shriveled up and my lord is old, will I have delight?”

¹³ But the Lord asked Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh, saying, ‘Can I really have a baby when I’m old?’

¹⁴ Is anything impossible for the Lord? At the appointed time I will come back to you, and in about a year she will have a son.”

Genesis 21:1-3 (HCSB) ¹ The Lord came to Sarah as He had said, and the Lord did for Sarah what He had promised.

² Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the appointed time God had told him.

³ Abraham named his son who was born to him—the one Sarah bore to him—Isaac.

Romans 4:19-22 (HCSB) ¹⁹ He considered his own body to be already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah’s womb, without weakening in the faith.

²⁰ He did not waver in unbelief at God’s promise, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God,

²¹ because he was fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.

²² Therefore, it was credited to him for righteousness.

Matthew 19:26 (HCSB) ²⁶ But Jesus looked at them and said, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

4. Your Faith At Midnight

“The Bible recognizes no faith that does not lead to obedience, nor does it recognize any obedience that does not spring from faith. The two are opposite sides of the same coin.” -A.W. Tozer

Hebrews 11:17-19 (HCSB) ¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac; he who had received the promises was offering up his unique son,

¹⁸ about whom it had been said, In Isaac your seed will be called.

¹⁹ He considered God to be able even to raise someone from the dead, from which he also got him back as an illustration.

Genesis 22:1-3 (HCSB) ¹ After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” “Here I am,” he answered.

² “Take your son,” He said, “your only [son] Isaac, whom you love, go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about.”

³ So early in the morning Abraham got up, saddled his donkey, and took with him two of his young men and his son Isaac. He split wood for a burnt offering and set out to go to the place God had told him about.

Romans 4:22-25 (HCSB) ²² Therefore, it was credited to him for righteousness.

²³ Now it was credited to him was not written for Abraham alone,

²⁴ but also for us. It will be credited to us who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead.

²⁵ He was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

James 1:3-4 (HCSB) ³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. ⁴ But endurance must do its complete work, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking nothing.

Invitation: Genesis 22:8,13 (HCSB) ⁸ Abraham answered, “God Himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” Then the two of them walked on together. ¹³ Abraham looked up and saw a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. So Abraham went and took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son.