

Sermon Notes

Living in Trust of God's Promises

Hebrews 11:17-22

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Text sermon questions, during the sermon, to (602) 824-8030

What is a promise that we have from God, which you have a hard time believing?

11:17-19 By faith Abraham offered up Isaac

God had made a promise that innumerable descendants would come through Isaac.

When we are thinking through how things might turn out if we obey God, we should reason toward believing God is able to do amazing things.

Abraham trusted God and believed God's promises, so he was willing to do things God's ways.

If you don't trust God and believe God's promises, you will continue to do things your ways.

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11:20-22 **Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph acted in line with their faith.**

By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau, even regarding things to come.

By faith Jacob, when he was about to die, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, on the top of his staff.

Even if you have not done a great job trusting God and doing things his ways, you can still finish your life in faith.

By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, had in mind the exodus of the sons of Israel, and gave orders concerning his bones.

Do you want to live more in trust of God and His promises?

Philippians 4:6-7, when you have concerns, take it to God in prayer

James 1:5, when you are facing a situation, ask God what to do

Matthew 6:31-33, make your first priority doing what God says is right

Galatians 5:16, depend on the power of the Holy Spirit to fight sin

2 Corinthians 5:10, live for rewards by living God's ways

Revelation 21:1-4, when you are struggling, look forward to heaven

When you come to understand anything from God's word, will you plan now to trust God, and do things His way?

What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.

Application questions for 2/5/17 sermon
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What is a promise from God that you have believed, and how have you acted in line with that?

Is there a promise from God that you wish you could believe, but you have a hard time believing it? What is it, and how has that affected your ability to act in line with what God says?

When you are thinking through how things might turn out if you obey God, what is your typical tendency? Is it to think God can do amazing things, or is to question God's ability? And why do you think you think that way?

(Try to have everyone answer this question.)

Do you see yourself generally doing things God's ways, or your ways? What do you think that says about your trust in God and His promises?

What do you think about this statement: if we really trust God, we will act in line with that trust, by doing what God says?

If you have not done a great job trusting God and doing things His ways up to this point in your life, how might you turn it around and finish your life in faith?

Will you plan now, that in the future, when you come to understand anything from God's word, you want to trust God and therefore give yourself to doing things His way?

Do you have a question for the group? It might be something you don't understand that others could help with, or something you think should be covered that hasn't.

Bonus:

Was there anything new or interesting you learned in this sermon?

Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph all have long back stories found in the Old Testament. Yet, the author of Hebrews references each with only one verse. Why do you think the author might have done this?