

***“The Shield of Faith:
Part III”***

Ephesians 6:10-20

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What is Faith?

Faith is trust in someone or something that we consider to be faithful. Hebrews 11:1 says, “Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” In other words, faith is a deep and abiding trust in things we cannot see and yet believe to be true.

“You can be sure of what you hope for when you hope in what is sure”...and God alone is sure!

“Faith is trust in the faithfulness of God and the faithfulness of God is a shield for all who believe.”

Please Turn to Hebrews 11:8-19

Abraham's Obedience

1. Some background from Gen 11:27-31.
 - a. God may have put a longing for Canaan in his heart.
 - b. God may have taught him how to move so many, so far.
 - c. God may have taught him submission to leadership.

God is using each step in our life's journey to prepare us for things that are yet to come.

Abraham's Obedience

2. Abraham's faith was in response to a direct word from the Lord: he did not just decide to move on his own and then use God to justify what he had done.

The faithfulness of God is most often expressed in his fidelity to actual words that he speaks.

Abraham's Perseverance

1. Abraham did walk with God by faith, but he knew very well the intense pain of waiting upon the Lord.

“By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.”

(Hebrews 11:9-10)