



Legends of the Faith Part 5: Abraham

It's important that God's Word continues after the message. At Celebrate, we find that you will quite often talk over this week's message long after our experience is over. That's because God has impact. The Sermon Discussion Guide is designed to help you continue the conversation all week.

Over 90% of people in America say they believe in God. But the real proof of what we believe can be found in how we live. As modern culture changes many people who profess to believe in God go along with it. As we see pendulum shifts in our modern culture, we examine the life of Abraham as an example for us to live by faith.

1. The pendulum of major change.

Hebrews 11:8 says "when God called Abraham obeyed".

Replace Abraham's name with yours. Discuss what should compel us to obey God's voice and His word.

John 14:15; 2 Corinthians 5:14; 1 John 5:3

2. The pendulum of delayed promise.

Hebrews 11:13 says "many people of faith died without seeing their promise."

Discuss what we should do when we don't witness our prayers being answered as soon as we'd like.

Hebrews 6:12; Romans 8:25; James 5:7

3. The pendulum of an impossible situation.

In Hebrews 11:11 we see that it may have looked impossible for Abraham and Sara to have a child because of their age.

What should the condition of our hearts be when things look impossible?

Matthew 17:20; Mark 9:23

4. The pendulum of a senseless tragedy.

In Hebrews 11:17-18 we see Abraham being obedient to sacrifice his only son, even though God promised Abraham that his descendants would be as many as the stars in the sky. How was Abraham able to take such an extreme step of faith (Hebrews 11:19)?

And how should this be an example of faith for us?

Matthew 9: 28-29; John 11:40

What's Next

- Don't be conformed to the pendulum shift of modern day culture.
- Live out your faith by being contrary to the world and obedient to God's word.
- Know God and Know His promises.