

A BRAND-NEW SERIES BY DR. ROBERT JEFFRESS

# SPIRITUAL FITNESS

STRENGTHENING YOUR FAITH IN TROUBLED TIMES

A STUDY OF HEBREWS 11-13

## A LEGACY OF FAITH

HEBREWS 11:17-22

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**Introduction:** The invaluable quality of faith is not only to be developed but passed on to our children and grandchildren. Today, we are going to look at one man who modeled what it means to trust in the sovereignty and sufficiency of God.

**FAITH is the assurance that God will do what He has promised to do and acting accordingly.**

Deuteronomy 6:1-2, 4-9 <sup>1</sup>“These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD your God directed me [Moses] to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, <sup>2</sup> so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live by keeping all His decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life. <sup>4</sup> Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. <sup>5</sup> Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. <sup>6</sup> These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. <sup>7</sup> Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. <sup>8</sup> Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. <sup>9</sup> Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.” (NIV)

### I. **The Laboratory Of Faith: The Home** (Hebrews 11:17-19)

Hebrews 11:17-19 <sup>17</sup> “By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was offering up his only begotten son; <sup>18</sup> it was he to whom it was said, ‘IN ISAAC YOUR DESCENDANTS SHALL BE CALLED.’ <sup>19</sup> He considered that God is able to raise people even from the dead, from which he also received him back as a type.”

#### A. **Characteristics of God’s Command to Abraham** (Genesis 22:1-2)

Genesis 22:1-2 <sup>1</sup> “Now it came about after these things, that God tested Abraham, and said to him, ‘Abraham!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’ <sup>2</sup> He said, ‘Take now your son your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I will tell you.’”

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1. God's command was clear.
  
  2. God's command seemed contradictory.
  
  3. God's command was costly.
- B. Two Reasons for God's Tests**
1. To reveal the quality of our faith.
  
  2. To increase the strength of our faith.

Hebrews 11:19 "He [Abraham] considered that God is able to raise people even from the dead, from which he also received him (Isaac) back as a type."

## **II. The Legacy Of Faith: Our Children and Grandchildren** (Hebrews 11:20-22)

### **A. In Isaac** (Hebrews 11:20)

Hebrews 11:20 "By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau, even regarding things to come."

### **B. In Jacob** (Hebrews 11:21)

Hebrews 11:21 "By faith Jacob, as he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped leaning on the top of his staff."

### C. In Joseph (Hebrews 11:22)

Hebrews 11:22 “By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the exodus of the sons of Israel, and gave orders concerning his bones.”

Genesis 50:24-25 <sup>24</sup> “Joseph said to his brothers, ‘I am about to die. But God will surely take care of you and bring you up from this land to the land which He promised on oath to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob.’ <sup>25</sup> Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear, saying, ‘God will surely take care of you and you shall carry my bones up from here.’”

Exodus 13:19 “Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for he had made the sons of Israel solemnly swear, saying, ‘God will surely take care of you, and you shall carry my bones from here with you.’”

### III. The Lessons Of Faith

#### A. The Sovereignty of God: Nothing Happens by **Accident**

#### B. The Sufficiency of God: God Can be **Trusted**

Conclusion