

At Bethany our desire is: to T*each* the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ, to preach R*epentance* toward sin, to encourage U*nderstanding* in God's Word, to T*rain* our members how to share their faith, and to lovingly H*elp* our community and beyond to know the T*RUTH* that make's one free. *John 8:32*



A Series on-Having A Faith That Obeys God's Word!

Intro. "Three Beliefs Foundational To Faith In God."

Hebrews 11:6

1. God does exist.
2. God is a giver of good things
3. God cares for those who care for Him.

"Faith enables the believing soul to treat the future as present and the invisible as seen." *Dr. Oswald Sanders*

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Hebrews. 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

2. For by it the elders obtained a good report.

3. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

4. By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

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5. By faith Enoch was translated-(transferred, transported, change sides) that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

6. But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that (1) He is, and *that* (2) He is a rewarder (3) of them that diligently seek Him.

7. By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith

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Hebrews 11:8 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

9 By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as *in* a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:

10 For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker *is* God.

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Hebrews 11:11 Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised.

12 Therefore sprang-(offspring) there even of one-(man), and him-(Abraham) as good as dead, *so many* as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable.

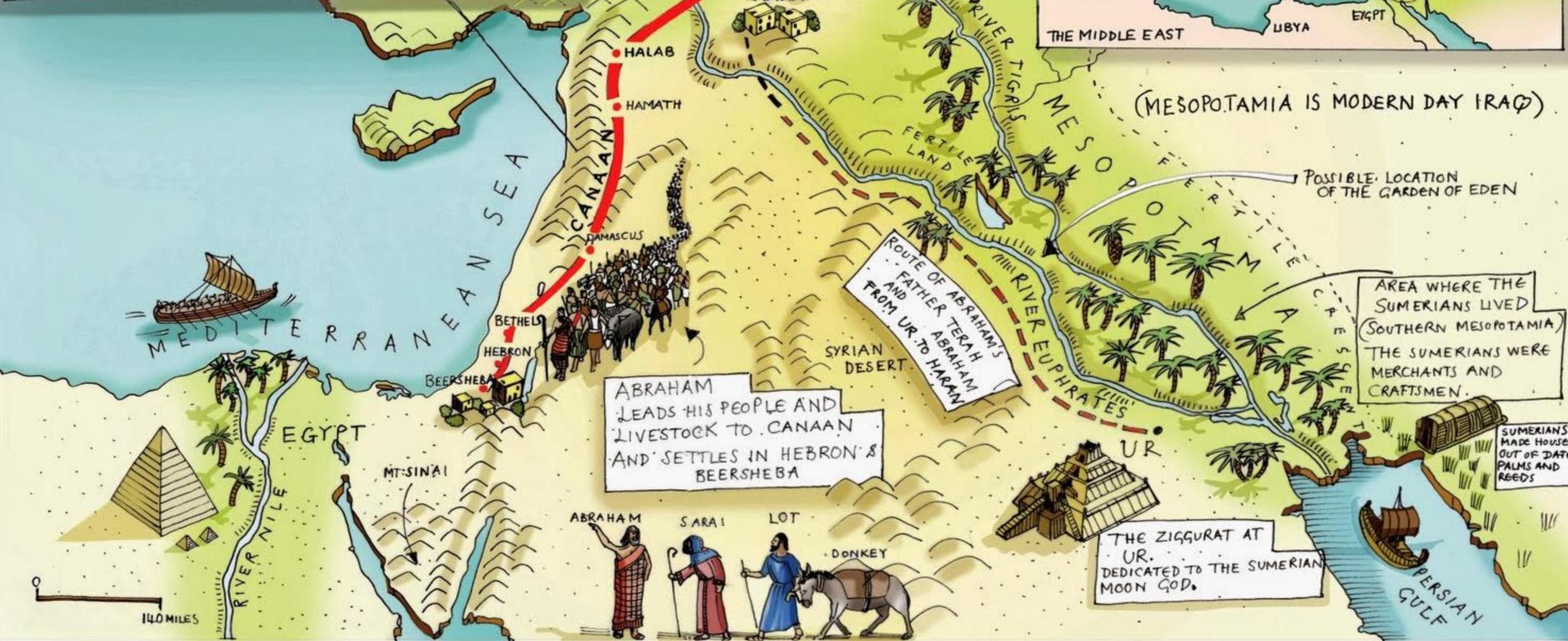
Mark 9:21 And He-(Jesus) asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child.

22 And oftentimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if Thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us.

23 Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things *are* possible to him that believeth.

24 And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.

THE WORLD



(MESOPOTAMIA IS MODERN DAY IRAQ)

POSSIBLE LOCATION OF THE GARDEN OF EDEN

AREA WHERE THE SUMERIANS LIVED (SOUTHERN MESOPOTAMIA) THE SUMERIANS WERE MERCHANTS AND CRAFTSMEN.

SUMERIANS MADE HOUSES OUT OF DATE PALMS AND REEDS

THE ZIGGURAT AT UR. DEDICATED TO THE SUMERIAN MOON GOD.

ROUTE OF ABRAHAM'S FATHER TERAH AND FROM UR TO HARAN

ABRAHAM LEADS HIS PEOPLE AND LIVESTOCK TO CANAAN AND SETTLES IN HEBRON & BEERSHEBA



140 MILES

1. Sarai's desires for a child hinders her walk with God.

Genesis 16:1 Now Sarai Abram's wife bare him no children: and she had an handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name *was* Hagar.

2 And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, the LORD hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai.

3 And Sarai Abram's wife took Hagar her maid the Egyptian, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife.

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Genesis 16:4 And he went in unto Hagar, and she conceived: and when she-(Hagar) saw that she had conceived, her mistress-(Sarai) was despised-(look down on) in her eyes.

5 And Sarai said unto Abram, My wrong be upon thee: I have given my maid into thy bosom; and when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes: the LORD judge between me and thee.

6 But Abram said unto Sarai, Behold, thy maid *is* in thy hand; do to her as it pleaseth thee. And when Sarai dealt hardly with her, she fled from her face.

2. Sarah's weak belief does not hinder God in His Desires!

Genesis 17:1 And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I *am* the Almighty God; walk before Me, and be thou perfect.

2 And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.

3 And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying

4 As for Me, behold, my covenant *is* with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.

5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.

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Gen 17:15 And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai-(she that strives, contentious), but Sarah-(Princess) *shall* her name *be*.

16 And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and she shall be *a mother* of nations; kings of people shall be of her.

17 Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall *a child* be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear?

18 And Abraham said unto God, O that Ishmael might live before thee! (*25* And Ishmael his son *was* thirteen years old)

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Genesis 17:19 And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, *and* with his seed after him.

20 And as for Ishmael-(God will hear), I have heard thee: Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation. 21 But My covenant will I establish with Isaac, which Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year. 22 And He left off talking with him, and God went up from Abraham.

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Genesis 18:1 And the LORD appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day;

2 And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw *them*, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground,

3 And said, My Lord, if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant:

4 Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree:

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Genesis 18:5 And I will fetch a morsel of bread, and comfort ye your hearts; after that ye shall pass on: for therefore are ye come to your servant. And they said, So do, as thou hast said.

6 And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead *it*, and make cakes upon the hearth.

7 And Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetcht a calf tender and good, and gave *it* unto a young man; and he hasted to dress it. 8 And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set *it* before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat.

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Genesis 18:9 And they said unto him, Where *is* Sarah thy wife? And he said, Behold, in the tent.

10 And He said, I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life; and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son. And Sarah heard it in the tent door, which *was* behind Him.

11 Now Abraham and Sarah *were* old *and* well stricken in age; *and* it ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women.

12 Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?

Genesis 18:13 And the LORD said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am old?

14 Is any thing too hard for the LORD? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.

15 Then Sarah denied, saying, I laughed not; for she was afraid. And He said, Nay; but thou didst laugh.

16 And the men rose up from thence, and looked toward Sodom: and Abraham went with them to bring them on the way.

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Genesis 18:17 And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do;

18 Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?

32 And he said, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Peradventure ten shall be found there. And He said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake.

33 And the LORD went His way, as soon as He had left communing with Abraham: and Abraham returned unto his place.

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Genesis 19:27 And Abraham gat up early in the morning to the place where he stood before the LORD:

28 And he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain, and beheld, and, lo, the smoke of the country went up as the smoke of a furnace.

29 And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in the which Lot dwelt.

“she judged Him faithful” -- “When”

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Genesis 21:1 And the LORD visited Sarah as He had said, and the LORD did unto Sarah as He had spoken.

2 For Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him.

3 And Abraham called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sarah bare to him, Isaac-(laughter).

5 And Abraham was an hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born unto him.

6 And Sarah said, God hath made me to laugh, *so that* all that hear will laugh with me.

6. Sarah's Faith Is Our Example Of "Lord Help My Unbelief!"

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Romans 8:24 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? 25 But if we hope for that we see not, *then* do we with patience wait for it.

1 Thessalonians 1:9...ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; 10 And to wait for His Son from Heaven, whom He raised from the dead, *even* Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

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Psalm 130:5 I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait, and in His Word do I hope.

Micah 7:7 Therefore I will look unto the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me.

Isaiah 40:31 But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew *their* strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; *and* they shall walk, and not faint.