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WALKING IN FAITH

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PART 6: THE MAN THAT WALKED INTO THE FUTURE

We have now come to Abraham and his wife Sarah. **Hebrews 11:8**

Abraham was the tenth generation after Noah, who lived 51 years after the birth of Abraham, thus it is likely that Abraham met Noah in person and was able to talk to him.

Noah's son Shem died 26 years after the death of Abraham. Noah's entire bloodline was alive when Abraham was born. Therefore Abraham must have been given the written account of life before the Flood and the Book of Enoch by his father Terah.

THE MINDSET OF TERAH AND HIS FAMILY

Terah and his sons believed in the coming Messiah and had not drifted into idol worship. The interesting thing is that God called Terah to take his family and move to the land of Canaan, but for some reason he was not able to fulfill this command and got stuck in the city of Haran. **Genesis 11:25-32**

THE CALL OF ABRAM

At the age of 75, God called Abram to leave the city of Haran and go to a land that God would show him. **Genesis 12:1-5**

Abram was not a poor man; he had accumulated much wealth in Haran in cattle and had some 1,000 men and women who came with him, of which 318 were men of war (Genesis 14:14) and others were cattle herders. These men had wives and every year children were born to them. Thus Abram had to make sure that his cattle produced enough sustenance to feed this large group of people.

Abram had never been to Canaan and he stepped out in total faith that it was God's will for him to move there. **Hebrews 11:8**

THERE ARE NO SUPERHEROES

A man can have faith and fear at the same time. Abram had great faith in God but he also feared for his life and lied twice. He did this because he thought lying would save his life. **Genesis 12: 10-20; 20:1-12**

Superstition had infected the people living on the earth so that they left the true God and served idols. Each nation had its own gods; Abram had fear that the true God would not have power over a nation with a territorial god.



Abram and Sarai had been told that God would give them a son, but after two years, their faith weakened and they tried to produce in the flesh what God had promised to do through His power. **Genesis 16:1-12**

GOD DID NOT ABANDON ABRAM AND SARAI

God forgave Abram and reassured him that he would not be cast away. **Genesis 15:1-7; 18**

God again spoke to Abram (high father) and changed his name to Abraham (father of multitudes) fifteen years later in the land of Canaan when he was 90 years old.

God instructed Abraham how to walk and also changed the name of Sarai (contentious) to Sarah (princess).

It was at this time that the Abrahamic Covenant was instituted. **Genesis 17:1-10**

Some time later the Lord Jesus visited Abraham and Sarah to confirm that He was going to give them a son. **Genesis 18:1-15**

Sarah became pregnant in God's perfect timing and gave birth to a healthy baby boy. **Genesis 21:1-8**

THE ULTIMATE TEST

Abraham more than likely had been married in his twenties and waited more than 80 years for an heir; sacrificing Isaac was the hardest test he would ever face. He did not consult with Sarah but faced it alone because this was a test between him and God. Every believer in Christ will at some point in their lives face a similar test. **Genesis 22:1-6**

The lies, fear and unbelief in Abraham's life at this time had been replaced with absolute faith in God; there was no hesitation in Abraham's soul. **verses 7-10**

God intervened when Abraham lifted up his knife to slay his son and told Abraham that his faith had matured to the place that it could not be improved upon. **verses 11-14**

God again confirmed his covenant with Abraham. **verses 15-18**

SUMMARY

When you are called by God, step out in faith and don't worry about where you are going. **Hebrews 11:8**

Before you have seen what God has promised, be content, rejoice and praise the Lord for living in tents and in a strange country. **verse 9**

Keep looking for the city of God with an eternal foundation; keep your eyes upon Jesus and don't be distracted. **verse 10**

Sarah was in her nineties when she became pregnant. Just like Noah had to work on the ark, Sarah had to have sexual intercourse with her ninety-nine year old husband and believe God for a miracle even though her menstruation had

stopped. With other words, keep on keeping on and in due time you will reap if you faint not. **verse 11, Galatians 6:7-9**

Keep your focus on heaven, while God is blessing you on the earth. Heaven is our goal and eternal home. Keep your eyes on Jesus and your eternal destination. **Hebrews 11:12-19**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?