



Romans: Pillars of Faith

Part 3 - Faith

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Our summer series is taking us on a journey through **Romans**.

The Christian life is a **journey of faith**.

Abraham embodies the Faith Journey we travel with God.

Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations ...
Romans 4:18

Some Waypoints of Abraham's Faith Journey:

- I. Faith is **stepping** through the uncertain door from the **known** to the **unknown**.

The Lord had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all the peoples on earth will be blessed through you." So Abram left, as the Lord had told him; and Lot with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Haran. He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Haran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there. Genesis 12:1-5

- II. Faith is **choosing** the **hard** road over the **easy** road.

So Abram said to Lot, "Let's not have any quarreling between you and me, or between your herdsmen and mine, for we are brothers. Is not the whole land before? Let's part company. If you go the left, I'll go to the right; if you go to the right, I'll go to the left." Lot looked up and saw that the whole plain of the Jordan was well watered, like the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt, toward Zoar. Genesis 13:8-10

- III. Faith is **answering** the "**All In**" question through **obedient** action.

Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about." Genesis 22:1-2

Two final tips about the Faith Journey ...

1. Avoid taking detours where we try to "**help God out**".
2. Remember, the faith journey is impossible **without prayer**.

Read Romans 5-6 for next week.