

Message Notes

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Date: February 26, 2017 **Bible Focus:** Hebrews 11:8-12, 17-19

Current Series: Daring Faith

Message Title: Perfecting Faith

1. Be _____

- Faith _____

Hebrews 11:8 - By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.

Hebrews 11:9a - By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents...

Hebrews 11:11 - By faith Abraham, even though he was past age—and Sarah herself was barren—was enabled to become a father because he considered him faithful who had made the promise.

Hebrews 11:17a - By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice...

- Faith _____ (Gen 12, 16-17, 20-21)

2. Be _____

Hebrews 12:2a - Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith...

- From _____...

- To _____

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Hebrews 11:8-12,17-19 (Genesis 12,16-17,20-21)

1. What or who in our imperfect world has positively or negatively impacted your life? In what ways?
2. Before today, how did you view Abraham's life? Had you given much thought to the highs and lows of his faith?
3. Of the four faith highs connected to Abraham in Hebrews 11, which ones do you most and least identify with? Why?
4. How should we view Abraham's lack of faith as found in the examples Pastor Dave briefly touched on? In what ways are we like Abraham when it comes to getting ahead of God and His plan for our lives?
5. In what way are you helped by viewing Abraham's life through both his faith highs and lows?
6. Complete this sentence: "Knowing that Jesus is the author and the perfecter of faith gives me _____..." Be sure to explain your answer.
7. Have you come to a place in your life where you believe in the Lord Jesus for salvation? If yes, what difference has this made in your faith journey?
8. If you're a Christ-follower, can you see progress in your life of faith? In what ways has our 40-day focus on faith already helped your faith journey?