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**Text: Hebrews 11:8-10; Genesis 12-22**

**Title: By Faith Abraham**

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1. God's call to Abraham (Genesis 12)
  - a) To leave
    - i) His country
    - ii) His family
    - iii) His father's house Genesis 12:1
  - b) To go to land that he would receive as an inheritance Hebrews 11:8
    - i) He went out
    - ii) Not knowing where he was going Hebrews 11:8
2. Abraham obeyed God's call
  - a) Obedience was an expression of his faith
  - b) Obedience
    - i) Would require courage
    - ii) Would require conviction

**BY FAITH HE DWELT IN THE LAND OF PROMISE AS IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY**

1. He dwelt in the land of promise
2. He never went back to his father's country
3. He dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country
  - a) Hard existence
  - b) Many problems/ challenges
  - c) Dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob the heirs with him of the same promise
4. Living by faith on the promises of God

**FOR HE WAITED FOR THE CITY WHICH HAS FOUNDATIONS, WHOSE BUILDER AND MAKER IS GOD**

1. Growth of faith in Abraham

a) Patchy at times

b) But there was definite growth

2. He understood the deeper meaning of “the promised land”

a) It was Canaan

b) But it was more than Canaan

c) It would be a city made and built by God Himself

d) By faith he saw a heavenly and eternal city built on everlasting foundations

3. He waited for this city

a) He was content to just live in tents

b) His focus was not the acquisition of the things of this world

c) He waited for the day when he would enter into the heavenly city whose builder and maker is God

#### **BIBLE MEMORY VERSE**

*For what does the Scripture say? Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.*

*Romans 4:3*