

As we begin our journey through the Old Testament, we find ourselves encountering the Founders and Family that God used to establish His relationship with humanity. God was setting expectations for us so we would understand what a life that honors Him looks like. We see great examples of faith as we read. Each example of faith is coupled with an action because, as James teaches, faith without action is hollow. In this study, we will look at several other examples of faith from this section and discuss how we can display greater faith.

What Do You Think?

- Faith is not unique to religion; we display faith every day. What are some things you put your faith in on a daily basis? What dynamics do you notice about faith?
 - Have you ever known someone you would classify as a “great person of faith”? Who are they and why do you describe them that way?
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“These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.”

Hebrews 11:13 (ESV)

What Does God Say?

- **Read Genesis 6:22 and 7:5.** Noah displayed great faith in building the Ark. **Now read Hebrews 11:7.** What does it say was the motivation for this great act of faith? How does that motivation work with faith?
- **Read Genesis 27:30-40 and Hebrews 11:20.** What does it mean that by faith Isaac invoked future blessings on his sons? What role did faith play?

“And Joseph said to his brothers, ‘I am about to die, but God will visit you and bring you up out of this land to the land that he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.’” Genesis 50:24 (ESV)

- **Read Genesis 50:24-26 and Hebrews 11:22.** What kind of faith does Joseph show at the end of his life?

What Will You Do?

- What area of your life, where you say you have faith, do you struggle to live out? What can you do to display greater faith in God?
- Take a few minutes as a group and walk through the Journey of a Lifetime timeline the Cove has created. Work on memorizing it together.
- Is there something that is preventing you from having faith in God? Share with the group. What do you need to do to move past it? Discuss areas where you want to have your faith strengthened and pray about them together.