

Hebrews 11:1,6 (NIV)

[1] Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

...[6] And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Hebrews 11:8-9 (NIV)

[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. [9] By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.

Hebrews 11:13 (NIV)

All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance. And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth.

Aliens and Strangers

Hebrews 11:8-16

Genesis 12:1 (NIV)

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."

In FAITH Abraham

➤ **Believed**

➤ **Obeyed**

➤ **Stayed**

➤ **Longed for More**

2 Corinthians 5:7 (HCS)

For we **WALK by FAITH,**
NOT by SIGHT...

2 Corinthians 5:7 (NLT)

For we **LIVE by BELIEVING**
and **NOT by SEEING**

Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)

Now **FAITH** is

being **SURE**

of what we **hope for**

and **CERTAIN**

of what we do not see.

Titus 2:11-12 (NIV)

For the **GRACE** of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men.

IT teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,

Titus 2:13-14 (NIV)

...while we **WAIT** for the blessed hope
the glorious appearing of our great God
and Savior, Jesus Christ, [14] **who gave**
himself for us to REDEEM us
from all wickedness and to
PURIFY FOR HIMSELF a people that
are **HIS VERY OWN,**
EAGER to do what is GOOD.

Genesis 17:17-18 (NIV)

Abraham fell facedown; he LAUGHED

and said to himself, "Will a son be born to a man a hundred years old? Will Sarah bear a child at the age of ninety?" [18] And

Abraham said to God, "If only Ishmael might live under your blessing!"

Genesis 18:9-11 (NIV)

"Where is your wife Sarah?" they asked him.

"There, in the tent," he said. [10] Then **the LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son."** Now Sarah was

listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. [11] Abraham and Sarah were already old and well advanced in years, and

Sarah was past the age of childbearing.

Genesis 18:12-15 (NIV)

So Sarah LAUGHED to herself as she thought, "After I am worn out and my master is old, will I now have this pleasure?" [13] Then **the LORD said to Abraham**, "Why did Sarah LAUGH and say, 'Will I really have a child, now that I am old?' [14] **Is anything too hard for the LORD?** I will return to you at the appointed time next year and Sarah will have a son." [15] Sarah was afraid, so she lied and said, "I did not laugh." But he said, "Yes, you did laugh."

2 Timothy 4:7 (NIV)

I have **FOUGHT**
the good **FIGHT**,
I have **FINISHED** the **RACE**,
I have **KEPT** the **FAITH**.

1 Peter 2:11-12 (NLT)

Dear friends, **I warn you as “temporary residents and foreigners”** to keep away from **worldly desires that WAGE WAR against your very souls.** [12] Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior, and they will give honor to God when he judges the world.

Hebrews 11:16 (NIV)

...they were longing for a better
country - a heavenly one.

Therefore **God is NOT ashamed
to be called THEIR God,** for he
has prepared a city for them

QUESTIONS

- 1. Why is it hard to hang on when the PROMISES seem delayed?**
- 2. What can we do to encourage each other to HANG on and NOT Quit?**
- 3. How can we keep in our minds the thought that we are JUST PASSING Through?**