



WEEK 4: THE FAITH OF OUR MOTHERS

PSALM 62:6-8 (NIV)

"The Lord alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, **I WILL NOT BE SHAKEN**. My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge. **TRUST IN HIM AT ALL TIMES**, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge."

ROMANS 1:17 (NKJV)

"For in it [the Gospel] the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, 'The just shall **LIVE** by faith.'"

HEBREWS 11:1-3 (NIV)

"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible."

Faith is _____

In Hebrews 11, the ancients were commended and recognized for their faith:

WAYS THAT FAITH WILL ADVANCE ME:

1. FAITH WILL MOVE ME BEYOND _____ _____ (SARAH)

Sarah is promised a son but she is barren.

Hebrews 11:11 (NKJV) "By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised."

Sarah became impatient with God's timing during her season of preparation.

Genesis 18:14 The Lord said: "Is anything too hard for the Lord? I will return to you at the appointed time next year and Sarah will have a son."

Sarah's faith allowed her to experience the _____
where God takes what is dead and makes it alive.

Romans 4:17b (NIV) "...The God who gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were."

2. FAITH WILL MOVE ME BEYOND _____ _____ (MOSES' MOTHER- JOCHEBED)

Hebrews 11:23 (NIV) "By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict."

Exodus 1:22 (NIV) "Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: 'Every boy that is born you must throw into the Nile, but let every girl live.'"

WAYS THAT FAITH WILL ADVANCE ME:

What did Jochebed do?

Exodus 2:2-3 (NIV) "... And she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile."

Jochebed's faith caused her to see God's plan. She raised her son when he was a small child and imparted her faith to him.

How do we know she was successful?

Hebrews 11:24 & 26 (NIV) "By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. ...He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward."

Jochebed got to experience the _____

3. FAITH WILL MOVE ME BEYOND _____ _____ (RAHAB)

Hebrews 11:31 (NIV) "By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient."

Your _____ doesn't dictate your future with God, but your _____ does.

Rahab got to experience the _____

1 John 5:4 (NIV) "For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith."