

the story of Abraham is the story of

God-honoring Faith

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. ² This is what the ancients were commended for.

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. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. 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.

¹² And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

Hebrews 11:1, 8-12

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“The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.”

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**•This word is not suggestive of how we *feel*.
When using this word, the emphasis is on that which forms a solid foundation for our *actions*.**

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•“Substantially, the words mean that faith gives to things future, which as yet are only hoped for, all the reality of actual present reality.”

Robertson Nicoll

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- **God-honoring faith grows into a basis out of which right and healthy choices can be made.**

Abraham is a source of awe and wonder at what God produces out of God-honoring faith!

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