

Devotion 8 Faith

Sunday, Week 2

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. (Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.) (Hebrews 11:8, 1)

Pastor Brad Cusson shares this experience: “My brother, with whom I remain very close, is four years older than me. Growing up, we did everything together—or rather, he led and I followed. I remember when I was 8 years old, the family was vacationing at Yosemite. One morning he informed me we were going to “hike to the falls,” a round-trip hike of 12 miles up a pretty good incline. So, the next day we did it, leaving very early in the morning and arriving back at the campsite just about the time the sun set. What I remember most about that day was following my brother—to the point of almost putting my foot in the footprint he had just vacated. You see, I was so short that I couldn’t see very far ahead or where we were going. I just trusted he knew the way. Faith. So it went our whole lives. When we went hiking, Steve led the way, and I followed. Faith.”

In the verse above, Abraham was called to follow God (physically getting up and leaving his native land and people) “even though he did not know where he was going.” He just had to trust God’s heart toward him and that God could and would bring him to a good and wonderful place. Perhaps this is a good definition of faith. What do you think?

In our ministry expansion stewardship program, our vision is that our loving God would graciously have His way with each one of us in our lives of Christian stewardship, and that because of this **CHRIST’S CHURCH HERE WILL GROW**, and there will be a **FULLER HEAVEN**. Through His Word, by His Spirit, we pray that God would take each of us where only He can see, perhaps to places we have never been. This is scary—especially considering how God tends to challenge us to grow. It takes faith.

This is why these devotions are being written—to get us deeper into His Word. We are called to follow Him in our lives of Christian giving as His Word and Spirit guide us. Only as we trust Him—believe in Him—can we begin to do this...to “get out of the boat,” so to speak. So it was with Abraham and Noah, Moses and Rahab—and all true believers who have gone before us. Can you trust Him? A blood-soaked cross and an empty tomb, together with His promise, “I will be with you always to the end of the age,” suggest you can. What do you think?

One more thing—one time Brad’s brother lost his way when he was leading Brad. God is greater than Brad’s brother. He will never turn around and say, “Which way do you think we ought to go?” As He guides us in our lives of stewardship, we can rest assured that He always knows the way, because only he knows where he is taking us. All we need do is to confidently follow Him. And that’s stepping out in faith!

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, as You come to me by Your Spirit through Your Word in these days, give me such a faith that I might trust Your guiding hand. Work Your way with me in my life of Christian stewardship to Your glory and my good. Amen!