

believed and built a boat. Did a strange thing!

4. Abraham
 - a. Left home, country, family to go where?
 - b. Lived like a foreigner (in tents) & survived on a promise
 - c. WHY? Didn't live by sight but for a city built by God
 - d. Trusted God - at 100 years old - son of promise
- Note: See how much they trusted God:
- [a] God promised through them He would change the world
 - [b] They were glad to do their small part - never seeing the outcome of their faith
 - [c] Recognized this world was NOT their home - heaven is
5. Abraham (continued)
 - a. God told him to do an incredible thing (sacrifice son)
 - b. He knew - God would work it out - trusted God
 6. Isaac - Trusted the promise of God - blessed Jacob/Esau
 7. Jacob - Looked forward to what God would do - blessed sons
 8. Joseph - Knew God was right - leave Egypt - bone instructions
 9. Moses' Parents - Not afraid to disobey the king of Egypt - trust
 10. Moses
 - a. Chose pain over pleasure, service over shrinking
 - b. Because he knew there was something more - a reward
 - c. Left Egypt (angered the king) - trusting God
 - d. Spread the blood on the doorposts - trusted God
 - e. Crossed the Red Sea on dry land; Egyptians drowned
 11. Joshua and the Israelites - Marched 7 days & conquered Jericho
 12. Rahab - Took care of the spies - trusted and was saved
 13. We Could Go On and On
 - a. People who accomplished great feats - by faith
 - b. People who suffered horrible consequences for their faith
 14. What about the Christians in this area - last 100 years
 - a. Men and women that have made a mark here - your relatives, your friends - served God
 - b. People not listed on any rolls - taught classes, made difficult decisions, stood for God, saved souls - by faith
 - c. Perhaps they thought about YOU - the generation of the future - leaving you a foundation, a faith
- C. Since We Have So Great a Cloud of Witnesses: Heb 12:1-2
1. Run YOUR race - never give up
 2. Lay aside hindrances and the sin that drags you down
 3. Look only to Jesus - what our faith is all about
 - a. He endured suffering
 - b. Because He trusted God would bring joy - and He did

SERMON OUTLINE

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Faith of Our Fathers

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I. Introduction

- A. What is it like to be 100 years old?
 - 1. Appreciate the lessons learned
 - 2. Appreciate the hard times, tough choices made
 - 3. See benefits of doing right - consequences of doing wrong
 - 4. Value friends that have stuck close in the storms of life
 - 5. Immensely grateful for God's grace
- B. What I Think About Our 100 Years
 - 1. God relishes history: Exodus 12:26-27 - Passover; Leviticus 23:42-43 - The Feast of Booths; Esther 9:28 - Purim; Deut 5:15 - Sabbath; Nehemiah 1 - Prayer of history; 1 Cor 11 - The Lord's Supper — REMEMBER
 - 2. See a bigger picture - God's work - I am a piece
- C. I have a torch to carry: They are gone - now it's my turn
 - 1. Jesus died for us - Hebrews 10:19-21
 - 2. I have a personal responsibility - Hebrews 10:22-25
 - 3. How Am I Doing?
 - a. Assembling? Hebrews 10:25
 - b. Willful sinning? Hebrews 10:26
 - c. Shrinking back? Hebrews 10:39
 - d. Or - Living by faith? Hebrews 10:39 [This is the goal]

II. Living a Life of Faith

- A. What Is Faith? Hebrews 11:1
 - 1. Evidence that produces a belief in something we can't see
 - a. Example: Creation by God - Heb 11:3
 - 2. And a life that is evidence we believe it - Hebrews 11:2
- B. Examples of Lives of Faith Heb 11:4-40
 - 1. Abel - Simply followed God and was killed for it
 - 2. Enoch - Was pleasing to God in a sinful world

Note: You cannot please God without this faith!!!!

- [a] See the invisible - believe it
- [b] Diligently seek the God you cannot see but know exists.
- 3. Noah - Told about something that never happened prior -