



Scripture reading Hebrews 11:4 & 17

*“By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain...”*

One of the greatest ways we prove our faith to an all knowing, and all wise God, is by bringing Him offerings.

1. Offer God your prayers. Luke 18 records the story of a widow woman who goes before an unjust judge and asked him to avenge her. He would not at first, but because she persistently asks, finally gave in. He said, *“lest by her continual coming she weary me.”* Jesus then said, *“And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?”* (Luke 18:7-8). It is a great demonstration of faith when we ask God perpetually and continually for that which the world thinks is impossible.
2. Offer God your finances. Jesus said, *“Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.”* (Luke 6:38). Giving is always an act of faith. Whether that be tithing of your income, giving to faith promise missions, or grace giving to meet the needs of others. The fact is giving proves that I believe God will supply my needs as I give to meet the needs of others and support His work.
3. Offer God your life. Paul said it this way, *“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice”* (Romans 12:1). God wants us to be so convinced of His love and provision for us that we are willing to offer our entire being to Him and trust Him with our very existence.

When you make an offering to God of any kind, you are proving that you believe God. Offer God your prayers. Offer God your finances. Offer God your life. When you do, you will live BY FAITH.

# BY FAITH Devotional

## Week 2 – Lesson 2



### By Faith Enoch Was Translated

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Scripture reading Hebrews 11:5-6

*“By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God. But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”*

Enoch was translated by God. God took him to heaven. God transformed him from an unholy sinner into a righteous saint. This is exactly what happens to anyone who puts their faith and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation. Enoch was not translated because of his good works. He was changed because he put his faith in the God who had created him. The Apostle Paul said, *“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast”* (Ephesians 2:8-9). When anyone puts their faith and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, they are immediately translated as Enoch was. They become citizens of heaven and are made new creatures. *“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”* (2 Corinthians 5:17).

The only reason we are left here in the physical body is so that we can represent our King as His ambassadors. *“Now then we are ambassadors for Christ”* (2 Corinthians 5:20). John said, *“Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.”* (1 John 3:1-3). We as Enoch are translated or transformed by faith. This happens at the moment of salvation internally and progressively in the outward man when we by faith surrender to Him. I encourage you, as a believer, to allow God to transform you BY FAITH.



Scripture reading Hebrews 11:7

*“By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.”*

God told Noah, I am going to send a flood. With that announcement He commanded that Noah prepare an ark. Often times, people are confused about this walk of faith. They believe if I am walking by faith, then I need to do nothing, and God wants me to sit back and let Him do everything. That was not the case for Noah, nor for any of the heroes of faith that are mentioned in Hebrews 11. Once you understand what His plan is for you, then He wants you to prepare to do His will. Noah did not just sit back and say, "Okay, God, if you are going to destroy the world, and You want me saved, then You will have to do it." Noah had to spend many years preparing an ark. Was it a lack of faith when Noah picked up a hammer and nails and began to build the ark to save his family? Absolutely not. The opposite is true. Building the ark and preparing for his family was an act of faith. In fact, it is the act of faith that saved the world. Solomon said, *“A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself; but the simple pass on, and are punished”* (Proverbs 27:12).

1. A wise man will first get guidance from Scripture (2 Timothy 2:15).
2. A wise man will seek godly counsel to make preparation for his life, whether it be marriage, ministry, education, or employment opportunities. *“Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety”* (Proverbs 11:14). *“Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellors they are established”* (Proverbs 15:22).

A person who walks by faith gets instruction from God, direction from His Word, leadership from godly counsel, and prepares for the work that God has for him. *“The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the Lord”* (Proverbs 16:1). I encourage you to seek God's will for your life. Once you know His direction, BY FAITH prepare.



### By Faith Abraham Obeyed

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Scripture reading Hebrews 11:8

*“By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.”*

Imagine Abraham a seventy-five-year-old man. He most likely lived in the same city most of his life. By the age of seventy-five, he would have been quite successful and settled into his lifestyle. Yet, God approached him and told him and told Abraham to pack up everything, leave that city, and go **nowhere!** That is right, when God called Abraham, He told him to leave his hometown and follow His direction step by step. What did Abraham do? He obeyed by faith. Over and over throughout Scripture, we find people called of God to simply obey Him and leave the results to Him. Many years after this incident, God would speak to Joshua, the general of the Israeli army, when they entered the Promised Land. The first city they were to take was Jericho. The conquest of Jericho was very strategic, and yet, very unusual. God told Joshua to walk around the walls with all the children of Israel for six days. On the seventh day they were to walk around it seven times. Then God would deliver the city of Jericho into their hands. This was an impossible situation, but Joshua obeyed and led the children of Israel in obedience and they conquered Jericho.

A dear friend of mine named, Vern Bartlett, back in the early 60s was called of God to leave his prospering business in Malibu, California, and go to work with indigenous people down on the Amazon River. He gave up his wealth and his business in order to do what God had called him to do. His family thought that he had lost his mind and tried to have him institutionalized as a result of this decision. Yet, by faith, he obeyed. He went to the Amazon and was used by God to reach people that nobody was reaching. Today, if you were to go where he served, there would be many Bible believing Christians because of his obedience to God’s Word.

What is it that God wants you to do in your life? I encourage you to follow the example of Abraham and Joshua. Get direction from the Word of God. Seek godly council. Choose to do right. Then choose to obey God BY FAITH.

# BY FAITH Devotional

## Week 2 – Lesson 5



### By Faith Abraham Sojourned

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Scripture reading Hebrews 11:9

*“By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:”*

Abraham was called of God at seventy-five years old and lived another 100 years. That is a long time to sojourn. The beginning of any adventure is always exciting. There is fanfare. There is an anticipation of great things. Perhaps that is why we celebrate birthdays and are so excited about the birth of a newborn baby. Likewise, at the end of an adventure is celebrated. As you look back at the victories that were accomplished and the good times that were enjoyed along the way. However, it is the performance between the beginning and the end that determines the true greatness of any man. Abraham lived in a land of promise for 100 years. Yet, he lived as a normal man trusting God to fulfill His promise through Isaac, his beloved son. He endured the trials and continued faithfully serving God.

In Luke 19, Jesus tells the story of the noble man who went away to a far country. Before he left, he gave ten of his servants a pound each, which equaled approximately three months wages. Then he said, *“Occupy till I come”* (Luke 19:13). Sometime later when he returned, he called for his servants to give an account of what they had done with the money he had given to them. The noble man rewarded the two that endured and increased what they had been given. The master rewarded their faith, just as God will reward your faithfulness as you sojourn in the land where God has placed you.

God simply wants you to serve where you are by faith. When there is no fanfare or excitement, you are living through the common days of life, as you sojourn in your land of promise, I encourage you to do what you have been enabled by God to do. Continued to occupy. Continue to sojourn BY FAITH.

# BY FAITH Devotional

## Week 2 – Lesson 6



### By Faith Moses Refused

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Scripture reading Hebrews 11:24-25

*“By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;”*

Moses could have been a wealthy man. He was the adopted grandson of the Pharaoh of Egypt. There was no one more powerful than Pharaoh in the land at that time. However, by faith Moses refused.

I don’t know how many times in forty-three years I have had the opportunity to go someplace or do something that I thought would either be financially profitable or just entertaining. Yet, I had to make a decision not to do it, because I thought it would hinder the ministry that God had called me to. When our church first began, my wife and I had no financial support. A very dear friend of mine, someone I considered a spiritual father, made an opportunity available for me to work for a petroleum company here in Las Vegas. I could have made a very substantial wage to support my family as our church began. Working for the company, I would have had much time to myself for message preparation and prayer. The problem was I would not have time during the day to knock on hundreds and thousands of doors to invite people to Christ. So, though I was appreciative of the offer, after prayer, and completely trusting by faith, I refused it. Today, I am glad that I did.

Moses could have been a wealthy man. He could have been a man of great influence through his worldly means. Instead, he spent forty years in the desert taking care of sheep. Yet, some thirty-four hundred years later, Moses is still influencing people all around the world. God tells us that there are certain things that we should abstain from or refuse. We should abstain from false doctrine (Acts 15:20). We should abstain from sexual sin of any kind (1 Thessalonians 4:3). We should abstain from all things that appear evil (1 Thessalonians 5:22). We should abstain from fleshly lusts (1 Peter 2:11). We should abstain from blood or murder. We should have a respect for all human life, from the womb to the elderly. It is important that you understand if you want to glorify God with your life, there are somethings you must refuse BY FAITH.