

ABRAHAM A PORTRAIT OF A FATHER

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Text: Hebrews 11 account of the “Heroes of the Faith” is a summary of details found in the Book of Genesis.

Key Bible Texts: Hebrews 11:8-19; Genesis 12:1-4; 15:1-6; 17:1-14; 22

A. T **rusted** _____ I **n** _____ and was O **bedient** _____ T **o** _____ God (Heb. 11:8)

1. May not make T **otal** _____ S **ense** _____ at the time. (Gen. 12:1-4)

2. Can be in O **pposition** _____ T **o** _____ Conventional Wisdom or Cultural Norms (Heb. 11:11)

3. Radical Irrationalism (Heb. 11:17-19; Gen. 22)

B. Maintained an E **ternal** _____ P **erspective** _____ on Life (Heb. 11:9-10)

1. Looked A **ll** _____ T **he** _____ W **ay** _____ Forward (Heb. 11:10, 13-16)

2. Requires C **ontinuos** _____ D **iscipline** _____

C. Affected FUTURE GENERATIONS (Heb. 11:12)

1. From God’s D **eclaration** _____ to God’s R **eality** _____ (Gen. 17:1-8; Rom. 4:17)

2. O **ur** _____ P **art** _____ in perpetuity.

3. Despite F **ears** _____ and W **rong** _____ J **udgments** _____ (Gen 20:11)

D. From “Portrait” to “Live Video”

“Abram believed the Lord, and He credited to him as righteousness.” (Genesis 15:6)

TABLETALK STARTERS

(For family devotions and Life Group discussions)

Idea: Read the scripture reference prior to reading the Table Talk Question.

1. (Hebrews 11:8) Share about a time when you felt God was asking you to do something radical. How did you do? Does it still need to be accomplished?

2. (Hebrews 11:9-10 and 13-16) On a scale of 1 to 10 (10 being “All the Time”), how often during the week are you conscious that we are just “passing through” this world? What might help you increase your conscious perception of being “a stranger in a foreign country”?

3. If you could give advice to a parent regarding how to influence a child for Christ, what 3 things would you tell them? (Read Proverbs 3 AFTER people share their advice. Compare its content to what was shared in the group.)

4. Name 2 benefits you have experienced when praying for the spiritual well being of your children or other people.

5. What is one thing you sensed, felt or “heard” the Lord emphasize to you? In what practical way could you respond?

PRAY