

**“FAITH: THE CONVICTION OF THINGS UNSEEN”**

*“A Divine Interruption”*

*“Walking By Faith in the Face of Detours and Delays”*

**(Hebrews 11:8-16)**

**INTRODUCTION:**

*“When everything was hopeless, Abraham believed anyway, deciding to live not on the basis of what he saw he couldn’t do but on what God said he would do.”*

—Romans 4:18 (The Message)

**IF I AM GOING TO LIVE BY FAITH, I MUST BE WILLING TO...**

**1A. ... \_\_\_\_\_ THE \_\_\_\_\_ IN RESPONSE TO  
THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF GOD. (V. 8)**

*“By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going.”*

—Hebrews 11:8

*“Now the LORD said to Abram,  
‘Go forth from your country, And from your relatives  
And from your father’s house, To the land which I will show you...”*

—Genesis 12:1

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**2A. ... \_\_\_\_\_ AS A \_\_\_\_\_ IN DEPENDENCE ON  
THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF GOD. (V. 9, 11-13)**

*“By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign land,  
dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise.”*

—Hebrews 11:9

*“And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you,  
And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing;  
And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse.  
And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.”*

—Genesis 12:2-3

*“Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; Sarah was past childbearing. Sarah laughed to herself, saying, ‘After I have become old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?’”*

—Genesis 18:11, 12

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*“All these died in faith, without receiving the promises, but having seen them and having welcomed them from a distance, and having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.”*

—Hebrews 11:13

**3A. ... \_\_\_\_\_ TO THE \_\_\_\_\_ IN ANTICIPATION OF  
THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF GOD (V. 10, 14-16)**

*“...he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.”*

—Hebrews 11:10

*“For those who say such things make it clear that they are seeking a country of their own. And indeed if they had been thinking of that country from which they went out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one.”*

—Hebrews 11:14-16a

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## **CONCLUSION:**

*“Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God;  
for He has prepared a city for them.”*

—Hebrews 11:16b

*“And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband.”*

—Revelation 21:2

*But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God,  
the heavenly Jerusalem,...*

—Hebrews 12:22