

# Faith Looks Forward

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From last week, to live “by faith”:

Worship God – like Abel

Walk with God – like Enoch

Work for God - like Noah, and

Wait on God – like Abraham...

<sup>11</sup> *By faith... Sarah*

**Consider** God to be Faithful – Do you understand that God loves you and wants you to know Him?

*Psalm 103:8; Joel 2:13; I Tim 2:3-4*

<sup>17</sup> *By faith Abraham, (Gen 12, 16, 17, 21.... And 22)*

**Consider** God to have Power – Is it clear to you that God has the power to fulfill His promises?

<sup>20</sup> *By faith Isaac (Gen 27-28)*

<sup>21</sup> *By faith Jacob (Gen 48)*

<sup>22</sup> *By faith Joseph (Gen 50)*

<sup>23</sup> *By faith... Moses (Ex 2)*

**The “negative side” of following God is worth more than the “positive side” of pursuing any other treasure.**

**Consider** God’s “worst” to be better than the world’s “best” – Have you seen that what the world has to offer cannot compare with God’s promises?

<sup>28</sup> *By faith [Moses] (Exodus 5-12)*

*Gideon, (Judges 6-8) – with 300 men, routed army of 135,000!*

*Barak, (Judges 4) – with 10,000 men destroyed the entire Canaanite army (including 900 iron chariots)!*

*Samson, (Judges 13-16) – single-handedly defeated 1000 men, and, at his death, destroyed 3000 of Philistia’s leadership.*

*Jephthah, (Judges 11) – led Israel to drive out the Amorites and drive back the Ammonites.*

Summary of vs. 32-35? Many had great victories and blessings in this world as they demonstrated their faith in God’s promises.

Summary of vs. 35-38? Many faced great suffering and abuse at the hands of the world – even AS they demonstrated their faith in God’s promises.

*Rom 8:18*

## **In Faith, Look Forward!**

- When we recognize God’s love and desire for us to have a relationship with Him...
- When we realize God has the power to do – and has done – all that is necessary for us to have that relationship...
- When we understand that the worst that we might face in this life is worth more than all the treasure and pleasure that the world can offer...

*“...our momentary light affliction is producing for us an absolutely incomparable eternal weight of glory. 2 Cor 4:17*

THEN, looking forward in FAITH, we will fully live by faith and please our God and Creator, bring Him glory and build His Kingdom.