Community: Living in Faith Hebrews 11:8-19 May 03, 2020

"What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him?" – James 2:14

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³ By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible." – Hebrews 11:1-2

Here are few things we can learn about having a living faith...

1. A Living Faith is Obedient (vs. 8-9)

"By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise."

"Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you? ⁴⁷ Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: ⁴⁸ he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built."

- Luke 6:46-48

2. A Living Faith is Hopeful (vs. 10-11)

"For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised."

"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful." – Hebrews 10:23

3. A Living Faith is Willing to Give Sacrificially (vs. 17-18)

[&]quot;¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, ¹⁸ of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named."