

Persevere:

Warning #4: Don't Persist in Faithless Rebellion (Part #7)

¹³ These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴ For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city. 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." ¹⁹ He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.
Hebrews 11:13-19 (ESV)

How do we obey this warning?

#1: By heeding, 10:19-25.

#2: By looking, 10:32-39.

#3: By imitating, 11:1-12:2.

What kind of faith should we imitate?

1. Imitate the kind of faith that produces the fruit of obedience, v.8.

2. Imitate the kind of faith that looks past your current circumstances to what is promised, vv.9-10.

3. Imitate the kind of faith that believes God even when His promise seems impossible,

vv.11-12.

4. Imitate the kind of faith that alters your self-identity, v.13.

5. Imitate the kind of faith that desires a better city, vv.13-16.

6. Imitate the kind of faith that learns that God is the author of salvation, vv.17-19.

Genesis 22

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