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WEEK 6

DAY 1: READ GENESIS 4:1-16 & HEBREWS 11:1-4

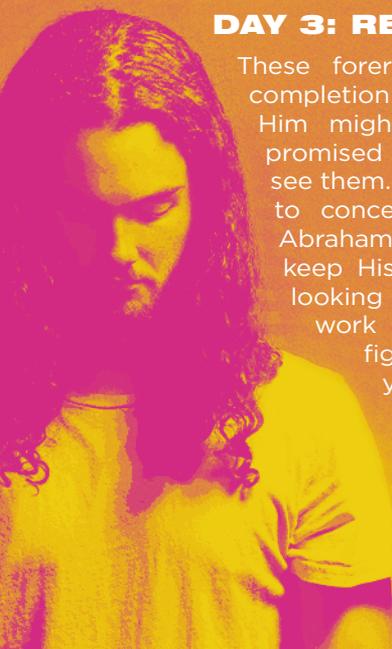
Abel willingly offered up the firstborn of his flock and God accepted it. Abel's earnest commitment to faithfully trusting God was counted as righteous and acceptable. Even though Abel was killed by his brother, his legacy of faithfulness to God lives on through today as an example for every generation. What sort of testament will your life, behavior and works you leave behind for future generations of believers? Even if your life is tough or gets cut short, you have an opportunity to leave a legacy testifying to the righteous mercy of Jesus.

DAY 2: READ HEBREWS 11:5-12

These are all people who faithfully trusted God as He led them into unknown, unprecedented territory. The riches of God's love and the fullness of His promises are available to all, but we must faithfully trust Him. God was pleased by their faithfulness and obedience and blessed them far beyond their wildest dreams and understanding. God has not changed. Are you willing to trust and obey Him through seasons of wandering, trials and impossible tasks? Don't react to the season you're facing. Speak with God today and commit yourself to trusting in His promises in feast and famine, familiar and foreign, day and night. He is faithful.

DAY 3: READ HEBREWS 11:13-16

These forerunners of faithfulness did not see the completion of what God had promised, but they did see Him mightily at work. Abraham and Sarah were promised innumerable descendants but did not live to see them. Instead, they saw God faithfully allow Sarah to conceive and begin to fulfill His promise to Abraham. Their focus was on God's faithfulness to keep His promises. Where is your focus? Are you looking forward in faith to see and expect God at work or are you fixated on your situation and figuring out every detail of the solution? Keep your eyes on our limitless, omnipotent God.



DAY 4: READ GENESIS 50:15-26 & HEBREWS 11:17-22

As followers of Jesus, our joy and purpose is in pursuing Him. In faith, we trust Him with our lives and in obedience, we sacrifice everything for the sake of His mission. Abraham was willing to sacrifice the very physical manifestation of God's promise to him out of faithful obedience. Isaac, Jacob and Joseph's faithfulness to God's mission brought God's blessing and furthered God's mission to rescue the lost. All of these people lived in the "Now, But Not Yet" – an era of expectantly waiting for the complete fulfillment of God's promises. They waited for a child, looked forward to the promised land, suffered and thrived in prison in obedience and faithful trust in God's greater purpose. We are no different. Christ has not yet returned, but He's promised to come soon. Let's not waste our time being idle, waiting for the complete fulfillment of His promise. Let's act with faithful obedience with the time we've been given and see the lost find blessing in the name and blood of Jesus!

DAY 5: READ HEBREWS 11:23-40

The path of obedience to God takes us through tough situations, but God forges the path and steadies our feet. Just like Moses, the judges, the prophets, martyrs and other servants of God had difficult conversations, endured torture, gruesome deaths and survived many long nights, we walk a path of obedience to Jesus, keeping our eyes on Him and our minds grounded in the truth of His word. We endure and overcome because Jesus is better, and God is faithful. Are you afflicted, mistreated and facing unprecedented difficulty? You're not alone. Just like so many before you, keep your eyes on Jesus and expect to marvel at His legacy of faithfulness.

DAY 6: READ HEBREWS 12

As Christians, we come from a long line of people who have trusted the blood of Jesus and obediently clung to His promises, truth and mission. The Good News of Jesus Christ has triumphed over wars, empires, genocide, luxury, false teachings and new eras of "enlightened" thought. Through trusting, obeying and proactively sharing the Gospel, will you let the Holy Spirit use you for His holy mission or should He use someone else?