

THE TESTS OF FAITH
Heroes- Part 4
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Hebrews 11: 8-12, 17-19

Real Faith Faces Four Tests ...

1. Will I follow?

“The LORD had said to Abram, “Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you.” Genesis 12: 1 (NIV)

Application: Will I follow without knowing where?

“Then he said to them all: “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.” Luke 9: 23 (NIV)

2. Will I wait?

“but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.” Isaiah 40: 31 (ESV)

Application: Will I wait without knowing when?

3. Will I believe?

“About this time next year I will return, and your wife Sarah will have a son.” Now Sarah was listening to this conversation from the tent nearby. 11 And since Abraham and Sarah were both very old, and Sarah was long past the age of having children, 12 she laughed silently to herself. “How could a worn-out woman like me have a baby?” she thought. “And when my master—my husband—is also so old?” Genesis 18: 10-12 (NLT)

Application: Will I believe without knowing how?

4. When I don't understand?

“even though God had said to him, “It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.” Abraham reasoned that God could raise the dead, and figuratively speaking, he did receive Isaac back from death.” Hebrews 11: 18-19 (NIV)

Application: Will I trust without knowing why?