

**Faithfulness (Galatians 5:22)**

As we seek to partner with the Spirit to make room for His fruit to grow, consider:

- The question is asked in Luke 18:8 if Jesus will find faith on the earth when He returns. This week, think about that question in your own life—if Jesus returned before the end of this talk...the end of today...tomorrow— would He find faith in you? Is your faith in Him? If not, then ask Him to give you saving faith, sustaining faith and hopeful faith. The Bible tells us that He is the author and finisher of our faith, He wants to help you.
- The Bible says in 2 Corinthians 5:17 that faith comes by hearing the word of God. This week read or listen to the chapter of faith found in Hebrews 11 and ask God to give you ears to hear His word through these men and women of faith, to encourage you, to challenge you and birth faith in you.
- Finally, spend time this week reflecting on the different areas of your life—home, work, church and play—and ask the Holy Spirit to show you how you might be being unfaithful so that you can repent and let the Holy Spirit produce faith there. Also consider any areas where you can thank Him for producing faithfulness.

*Additional Questions – choose 2-3 to further your thinking.*

- What part of the sermon stood out as important to you this week? Why?
- Read Hebrews 11:8-19. This passage highlights nine qualities of Abraham's life of faithfulness (*e.g., v9 — he lived as a foreigner trusting God's promise to be true - this would have been hard and unsettling and require persistence and trust*). Try to identify as many as you can.
- How does the long delay in promised possession of the land relate to Abraham's faith (see also Acts 7:1-8)?
- How does a delay in the fulfilment of God's promises affect your faith?
- What is the significance of Isaac and Jacob being "heirs of the same promise" as Abraham (Hebrews 11:9)?
- What did Abraham, by faith, believe about God when he considered offering up his son (Hebrews 11:17-19)?
- How does your life of faith compare with Abrahams?
- If you had a time machine, are there choices you've made in recent memory that you would change to be more like Abrahams? If so, how? If not, are there barriers you need to pray about to help you grow in your faithfulness?