



WEEK TWELVE | MORE STORIES OF FAITH

It's probably fair to say that all of us look back on experience or people in our past that influences how we live and what we believe today. We must be learners and willing to see and determine what is a positive or negative example. As Winston Churchill said in a variation from George Santayana, "Those that fail to learn from history, are doomed to repeat it." That can be a positive or negative thing depending on the historical example. In Hebrews, faith from the past points to Jesus.

When was a time you had to trust someone (or God) without knowing how things would turn out?

How did it feel in the moment?

TALK ABOUT IT

Read Hebrews 11:17-19.

Why is context important when studying the Bible?

What is the hardest thing about having faith in something for you?

The story about Abraham being told to sacrifice Isaac (his only son) is disturbing and encouraging.

What do you think this story is meant to teach us?

According to Hebrews 11:19, what was Abraham's reasoning in his heart for going through with God's plan?

What does that reveal about his understanding of God?

Abraham's and Noah's stories are similar in that they were told to go and do something that made no sense at the time.

What do you think these stories were meant to teach us?

APPLY IT

Read Hebrews 11:23-28.

The passage says Moses acted “for the sake of Christ.”

When have you ever had to do something “for the sake of Christ?”

What was that experience like?

How does faith get passed on?

How are you passing it on?

Russ quoted Dave Ramsey’s phrase “changing your family tree.”

What would it look like to “change your family tree” spiritually?

ALWAYS CLOSE IN PRAYER