

Found Faithful
Hebrews 11:8-19

Abraham was found faithful because...

1. he walked in obedience to God's commands.

Hebrews 11:8⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

2. he wandered faithfully in anticipation of God's promise.

Hebrews 11:9-10⁹ By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.

3. he waited in faith, trusting God's power.

Hebrews 11:11-12¹¹ By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised.

4. he welcomed by faith his exile status here & his eternal hope there.

Hebrews 11:13-16¹³ 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.

5. he withheld in greed nothing from the Lord.

Hebrews 11:17-19¹⁷ 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.