

The Measure of a Man of Faith
Conclusion of Series:
Faith Journey –
Lessons from the Life of Abraham

Four Pitfalls to Overcome:

1. Trusting in human reasoning instead of God's Word

2. Making decisions purely out of self-interest

Genesis 12:11-13:

“¹¹ When he was about to enter Egypt, he said to Sarai his wife, ‘I know that you are a woman beautiful in appearance,¹² and when the Egyptians see you, they will say, “This is his wife.” Then they will kill me, but they will let you live.¹³ Say you are my sister, that it may go well with me because of you, and that my life may be spared for your sake.’”

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Philippians 2:3-11

3. Relying on dishonesty instead of truth

Genesis 20:1-7, 13



Genesis 26:7:

“When the men of the place asked him about his wife, he said, ‘She is my sister,’ for he feared to say, ‘My wife,’ thinking, ‘lest the men of the place should kill me because of Rebekah,’ because she was attractive in appearance.”

4. Listening to voices that don't speak for God

Genesis 16:2:

“Go into my maidservant, Hagar...And Abraham listened to the voice of Sarah.”

Four Principles to Apply:

1. Wherever God leads, follow

Hebrews 11:8:

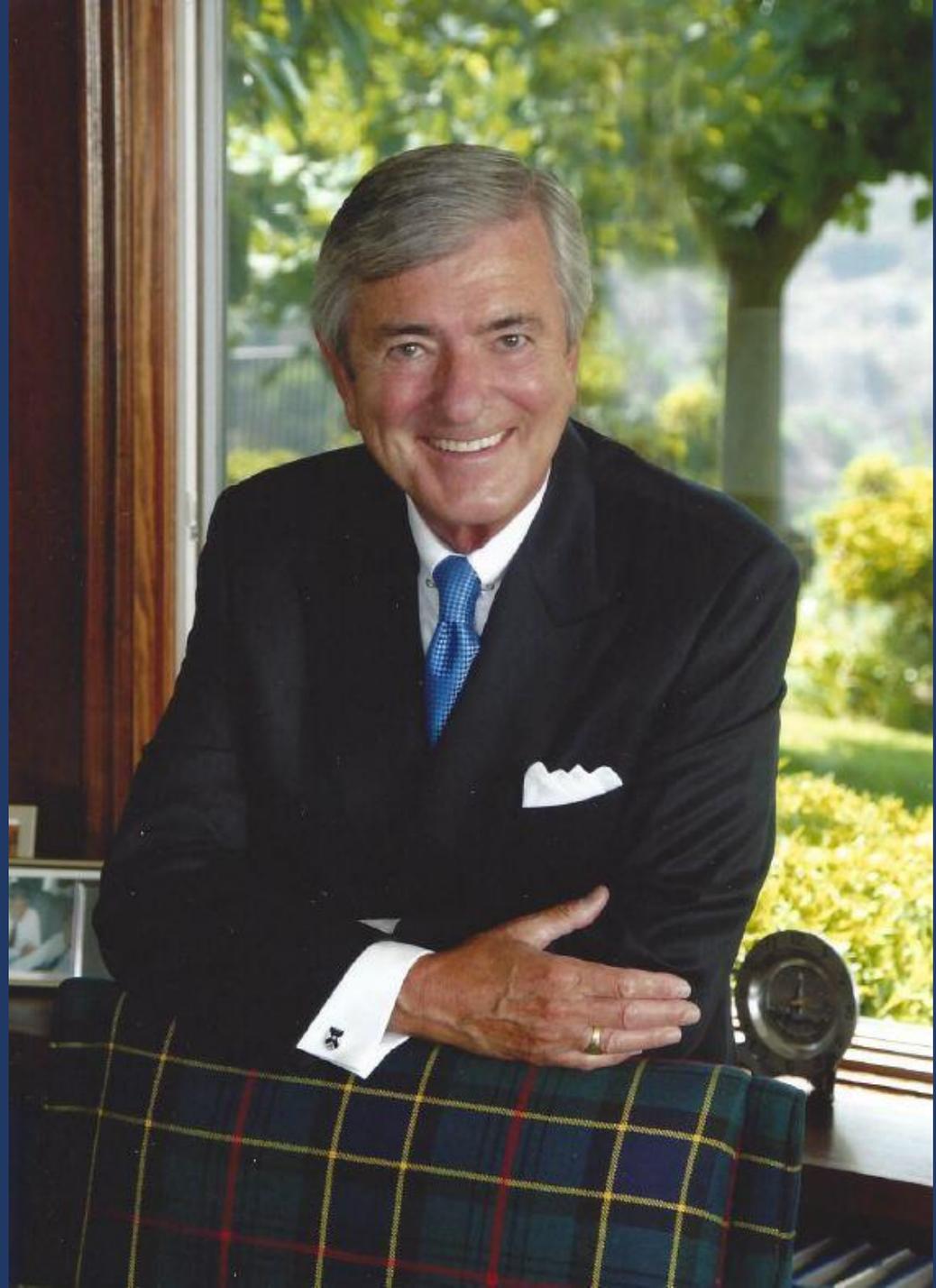
“By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.”

2. Whatever God promises, believe.

Hebrews 11:9-12:

⁹ 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...”

“¹¹ By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”



3. Whenever God tests, trust.

Hebrews 11:17-19:

“¹⁷ 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.”

4. However God blesses, share.

Genesis 24:34-35:

³⁴ So he said, "I am Abraham's servant.

³⁵ The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become great. He has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male servants and female servants, camels and donkeys."

Luke 6:38:

“...give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”



Hebrews 11:10:

“For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.”

Hebrews 11:16:

“...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.”

2 Corinthians 5:1:

“We know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.”

John 3:16:

“God so loved the world He gave His only Son that whoever believes in Him will never perish but have eternal life.”