

LEARNING HOW TO TRUST GOD

LEARNING HOW TO TRUST GOD Part 8 – Building a Family Legacy of Faith Hebrews 11:20-22

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- I. BUILDING A FAITH LEGACY BEGINS WITH THE **PARENTS**. (Hebrews 11:20)
 - A. Abraham and Sarah **disciplined** Isaac to know God and to trust God's promise for the Promised Land. Before Abraham died, he transferred the blessing of God to his son Isaac.
 - B. *Hebrews 11:20 "By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau in regard to their future". (NIV)*
 1. With the sinful decisions we choose comes pain and heartache and even **discipline** from God.
 2. *Galatians 6:7 "Don't be misled; remember that you can't ignore God and get away with it: a man will always reap just the kind of crop he sows!" (TLB)*
 3. The Bible teaches us that God can still clean us up and **use us** even when we make some very wrong decisions.

C. Jacob needed his own encounter with God. It is the same for us. I appreciated my parents' faith but at some point my parents' faith had to become my own faith in God. I had to work out the issues. I had to **encounter** God for myself.

D. *Genesis 28:13-15* "At the top of the stairway stood the LORD, and he said, "I am the LORD, the God of your grandfather Abraham, and the God of your father, Isaac. The ground you are lying on belongs to you. I am giving it to you and your descendants. ¹⁴ Your descendants will be as numerous as the dust of the earth! They will spread out in all directions—to the west and the east, to the north and the south. And all the families of the earth will be blessed through you and your descendants. ¹⁵ What's more, I am with you, and I will protect you wherever you go. One day I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have finished giving you everything I have promised you." (NLT)

E. The point of Hebrews 11:20 is, "Our faith and relationship with God is intended to be **transferred** through the discipleship we receive in our home by our own parents."

1. Teaching Kids About God by John Trent.

2. We as parents have the opportunity to leave with our children a heritage of faith with the truths and the life to back it up. Somehow money and career and our own self-interest must take a back seat to the **personal responsibility** we have with connecting and discipling our children with God.

II. BUILDING A FAITH LEGACY SHOULD BE AUGMENTED BY INVOLVED **GRANDPARENTS**. (Hebrews 11:21)

A. *Hebrews 11:21* "By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of Joseph's sons, and worshiped as he leaned on the top of his staff." (NIV)

B. *Genesis 48:15-16* "And Jacob blessed Joseph, and said, 'God, before me all my life long unto this day, ¹⁶ the Angel which redeemed me from all evil, **bless** the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.'"

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III. SIBLINGS HAVE A ROLE IN HELPING EACH OTHER **SPIRITUALLY**, ESPECIALLY THE OLDER THEY BECOME. (Hebrews 11:22)

A. *Hebrews 11:22* "By faith Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and gave instructions about his bones." (NIV)

- B. Even though Joseph would be dead, Joseph wanted to stay **connected** to God's promise and be an example of faith to his extended family.
- C. Joseph is encouraging and reminding his brothers to stay **faithful** to God as adults.
- D. We have a continued responsibility to forgive, to help, to encourage and strengthen our siblings, the best we can, throughout our lives to **stay true** to God. It is part of our heritage of faith.

IV. YOU CAN BUILD A LEGACY OF FAITH THAT CAN LAST FOR **GENERATIONS.**

The American culture is moving toward its own destruction through the **neglect** of its parents to disciple their children to know, love and obey God. But, you can change that for your children and grandchildren. You have to be **proactive**.

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