

Sermon Outline

A Legacy of Faith

Hebrews 11:20-22

Introduction: In pursuit of a legacy.

Context: Hebrews 11 – the faith of Abraham and Sarah compared to that of Isaac, Jacob and Joseph

- 1) **The faith of Isaac (20)** Genesis 27:1-40 – how is this faith?
 - a. The blessing was truthful – it came to pass (Ge 25:23).
 - b. Like God's gifts, the blessing was irrevocable.
 - c. Isaac believed in the power of words.
 - d. Isaac kept his word, even to his own hurt.
 - e. He believed in the sovereignty of God, even in sinful situations (Ro 9:11-14).
 - f. Isaac looked beyond his death with unwavering faith.

The just shall live by faith

- 2) **The faith of Jacob (21)**

Genesis 48:1-2 – death-bed worship

Genesis 48:8-21 – a faith that looks beyond this life

- 3) **The faith of Joseph (22)**

Genesis 50:24-25 – Joseph looked forward to and trusted in what God would do in the future.

- 4) **The legacy of William Wilberforce**

Should Christians pursue a legacy?

Will you believe God, even as your final enemy pursues you?