

QUOTES

1. John MacArthur:

- *Abraham is a composite of God's pattern of faith... [He is] the father of the faithful, the father of everyone who lives by faith in God... Abraham is the classic example of the life of faith.*
- *This is the attitude of the faith pilgrim. The life of faith begins with the willingness to leave one's Ur, one's own place of sin and unbelief – to leave the system of the world.*
- *It is when we concentrate on things below that we live and die with every little thing that goes wrong or seems to last too long or is not successful or appreciated. That is why Paul tells us to set our minds "on things above"... When our minds are on heaven, we will be patient with what happens down here.*
- *True faith is deaf to doubt, dumb to discouragement, and blind to impossibility. No matter what it experiences, it sees only the promised success.*

2. Kent Hughes:

- *Abraham's obedience was thus an outward evidence of his inward faith. His obedience was so prompt that the Greek text presents Abraham as setting out on his journey while the word of God was still ringing in his ears... There was a glorious element of abandon in Abraham's faith!*
- *Faith spawns reflexive steps of obedience. It steps out. We must not imagine that we have faith if we do not obey.*
- *The parallels between Abraham's experience and that of the Christian are easy to see, because the Christian has the promise of an ultimate land. In fact, every believer is called to step out in faithful obedience and to follow Christ as he leads on to that land. All of us are, by faith, to obey and go as God directs, though we do not know where the path will take us. All of us are, by faith, to become willing sojourners, living in constant dissonance with the world as we await our final inheritance.*

3. Martin Luther:

It was hard to leave his native land, which it is natural for us to love. Indeed, love for the fatherland is numbered among the greatest virtues of the heathen. Furthermore, it is hard to leave friends and their companionship, but most of all to leave relatives.... And then it is clear that with his obedience of faith Abraham gave a supreme example of an evangelical life, because he left everything and followed the Lord, preferring the Word of God to everything and loving it above everything.

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE:

- **Gen. 12:1-5; Josh. 24:2; Ex, 33:18-19**
- **John 3:36; Eph. 5:6; Heb. 5:9; Heb. 3:18**
- **Ps. 73:25-26; Ps. 16:1-2; Ps. 16:11; Gal. 3:7-9**
- **Acts 7:4-5; 1 Peter 2:11**