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## Surrendering Your Future

### Series: 40 Days of Purpose—Worship

Hebrews 11:1-3 (NIV)

*Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. <sup>2</sup>This is what the ancients were commended for.*

*<sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.*

Hebrews 11:6-16 (NIV)

*And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.*

*<sup>7</sup>By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.*

*<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.*

*<sup>11</sup>By faith Abraham, even though he was past age--and Sarah herself was barren--was enabled to become a father because he considered him faithful who had made the promise. <sup>12</sup>And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.*

*<sup>13</sup>All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance. And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth. <sup>14</sup>People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>Instead, they were longing for a better country--a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.*

## 1. I WORSHIP GOD WITH EYES OF FAITH.

*v. 1 "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."*

- I don't have to see God to worship Him.
- I cannot worship God without a secure faith in Him.
- Just because my worship involves faith, does not make it any less certain.

## 2. I CAN STRENGTHEN MY WORSHIP BY UNDERSTANDING MY LEGACY FROM THE PAST.

- Part of the certainty of my worship comes from me standing on the shoulders of those who have gone before me.
- Seeing the example helps me be the example.
- Knowing that others who have faced more difficult circumstances than mine; yet they continued in steadfast worship, gives me strength.

## 3. COMPLETE WORSHIP ALLOWS ME TO SURRENDER MY FUTURE TO HIM.

*v. 16 "Instead, they were longing for a better country--a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them."*

### I can surrender my future to God because:

- The Bible gives me a glimpse of what is to come.
- God is always going to be on my side.
- God is preparing a place for me.

John 14:2-3 (NKJV)

*In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.*

**When I understand the journey of the faithful who have gone before me, I can surrender my future to God by my undying worship.**