



# STUDY QUESTIONS FOR **MARCH 8**

## Series: *By Faith*

*Faith of the Patriarchs (Hebrews 11:17-22)*

### Icebreakers!

1. When has someone spoken a blessing over you and your future? Who was it?
2. Have you ever spoken a blessing over someone else? If so, who was it, and why?

### Digging Deeper

3. [Study Hebrews 11:17-22 on the back of this page.](#) What stories do you tend to remember about these four men? How do each of these stories of them look forward?
4. **Read Genesis 22:1-14.** How does knowing that Abraham trusted God to raise Isaac from the dead affect your reading of this story? Why did Abraham trust God to do that?
5. **Read Genesis 22:15-18.** What promises does God make about Abraham's offspring after his willingness to give up his son Isaac was tested?
6. **Read Genesis 27:26-33.** What blessings of God to Abram are repeated from Genesis 12:2-3? How firm does Isaac treat his blessing of Jacob—mistaken as it was?
7. **Read Genesis 27:34-40.** How does Isaac respect his blessing to Jacob in what he devises for Esau? Why do they both treat Isaac's blessings as binding?
8. **Read Genesis 48:8-20.** How does Jacob/Israel's blessing connect the generations and reflect his faith in God's promises? How does he change things up—with what effect?
9. **Read Genesis 50:22-26 and Genesis 15:12-16.** Joseph connects this prophecy to his own offspring's situation. How does Joseph's command expect God to come through?
10. [Read Galatians 3:7-9.](#) Who are the sons of Abraham? Who is blessed with Him? How does Paul say the gospel was preached to Abraham beforehand?
11. What did you hear in the message this Sunday that stood out to you? Is there anything you would emphasize, add, or change?

### Application

12. What promises of God do you believe to be true?
13. How can you pass along trust in God's promises to the generations coming after you?

## Hebrews 11:17-22 (ESV)

**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,  
of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.”  
**He considered** that God was able even to raise him from the dead,  
from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

**By faith Isaac**  
invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau.

**By faith Jacob**, when dying,  
blessed each of the sons of Joseph,  
bowing in worship over the head of his staff.

**By faith Joseph**, at the end of his life,  
made mention of the exodus of the Israelites  
and gave directions concerning his bones.