

God and Nothing Else

Summer Lectionary

[Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16](#)

The idea of “home” changes for each of us over time. Sometimes it brings comfort; other times, restlessness or pain. In this passage from Hebrews, Abraham’s life reminds us that “home” is not ultimately geography, but being where God calls us — even if the promise feels far away.

Questions:

- What is “home” to you? How has your definition of “home” changed over time?
- Can restlessness be a gift from God? Why or why not?

Abraham trusted God’s promises even when he couldn’t see them fulfilled. His faith shows a deep trust in God’s character and benevolence, even in spite of his experiences. It's difficult for most of us to trust that God is working, even in the midst of uncertainty.

Questions:

- When have you trusted God without being able to see the outcome?
- What helps you hold on to God’s promises when your circumstances don’t seem to match, like Abraham’s?

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, while in prison awaiting execution, still prayed, “Help me.” Faith is not something we force by sheer willpower, but a gift from God when we cry out to Him. Sometimes God’s greatest gift is not changing our circumstances, but giving us Himself.

Questions:

- Have you ever prayed “help me” when your faith felt weak? What happened?
- If God didn’t change your circumstances but gave you more of Himself, would that be enough?

Our faith is often revealed and strengthened in times of loss or hardship — when the job ends, the diagnosis comes, or the relationship breaks. Like Abraham, we may only get a glimpse of the promise, yet we can still take faithful steps, trusting our God who promised to be faithful to us.

Questions:

- How have trials in your life deepened (or challenged) your faith?
- What is one “faithful step” you can take this week, even without knowing the outcome?