

**Sermon Quotes**  
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**Study of Hebrews- Faith Hall Of Fame Pt.3**

*Abraham's response of Faith tells us that  
our Faith must be in God,  
not in the plan.*

*Abraham's faith tells us that true faith  
is a faith that follows (or obeys).*

“This is the only verse in the Bible that refers to Canaan as the promised land. The irony is, Abraham, the *heir* to the promised land, never owned a foot of ground in it except for the Cave of Machpelah, which he had to *buy* at full cost to bury his wife.”

—Steven J. Cole

**Genesis 13:14-17** The LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, “Lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward, (15) for all the land that you see I will give to you and to your offspring forever. (16) I will make your offspring as the dust of the earth, so that if one can count the dust of the earth, your offspring also can be counted. Arise, walk through the length and the breadth of the land, for I will give it to you.”

**Philippians 3:7-8** “But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. (8) Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the **surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord**. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ...”

**Philippians 4:11-13** “Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned **in whatever situation** I am to **be content**. (12) I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. (13) I can do all things **through him** who strengthens me.”

“As pilgrims, we need to adopt the mindset of pilgrims. When you travel in a foreign country, you stand out as different...They know that you are not one of them. You may temporarily adopt some of their local customs, so as not to be offensive, but on most things you think and live differently, according to the customs of your homeland. As God's people, our homeland is heaven. We're just passing through this earth. Our mindset toward success, possessions, and purpose in life should be radically different than the mindset of the natives. The natives' hopes center in this life only, so they try to accumulate all the things and engage in all the activities they think will bring them happiness in this life. But pilgrims' hopes center in Jesus Christ and their eternal inheritance in Him. So they hold the things of this life loosely. They enjoy all that God provides, but their real treasures are in heaven.”

—Steven J. Cole

**Philippians 3:17-21** “Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. (18) For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of **the cross of Christ**. (19)

Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with **minds set on earthly things**. (20) But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, (21) who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him

**Philippians 2:5-11** (NASB) “Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. 8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus, every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”