Real Faith Lives As Pilgrims

Sewell Hall · Series: **Real Faith Does That**

INTRODUCTION

- If you want to find one word that'll summarize our responsibility to God, it's faith.
- That same faith that causes a person to obey those initial commands of repentance and confession and baptism, must continue. Such faith must endure.
- It's not just a matter of expressing faith, but it's a matter of living by faith.

1 Abraham Endured by His Faith

- He obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance, and he went out, not knowing where he was going. That took faith.
- He also had faith enough to obey God even when God asked him to sacrifice his only son.
- Is there any sacrifice you would not be willing to make?
- These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off.

2 Strangers and Pilgrims on the Earth

- They embraced those promises and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.
- He waited for a city which has foundations whose builder and maker is God.
- Well, I know what aliens from another world look like. Christians.
- Our citizenship is in heaven, Paul wrote, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior.

3 Content With Imperfection

Hebrews 13:5

- He dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob.
- Be content with such things as you have, for he himself has said, I will never leave you nor forsake you.
- It's not wrong for us to have comfort, but we should be content with whatever we have.
- But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you.

4 Invest in Your Homeland

- That promise was so certain as far as he was concerned, because of his faith, that he could pretty well distribute the land that he didn't even own.
- But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.
- Your treasure is what you think about most. It's what you're depending on for your future.
- But trust in the living God. There's where your treasure is.

5 Prefer the Honors of Your Homeland

Luke 16:15

- When he died, the honors of Egypt were not what meant most to him.
- What is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God.
- The honor that really matters is God's honor.
- We're not home yet. And the real welcome that matters is the welcome we receive when we really get home.

6 Give Priority to the Laws of Your Homeland

Acts 4:19

- God's will determined their action and not the law of the king.
- We ought to obey God rather than men.
- But when your law violates the law of God, our citizenship in heaven takes precedence.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Set your mind on things above, not on things that are upon the earth. That's a challenge for you, isn't it?**

MY NOTES