

LIVING BY PROMISES *from* HEBREWS 11:17–22

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In Hebrews 11 the author offers several examples of believers who endured trials by their faith in what God had promised. In fact, the Patriarchs in verses 17–22 serve as prime examples living by promises, or walking by faith in what God told them would come to pass. We will first discover how the author uses these four men as examples of living by promises, then consider how we also must live by these same promises today.

1. Walking with the Patriarchs

a. Abraham (11:17–19; cf. Gen 21:12c; 22:1–19): *Confidence in the Promise*

b. Isaac (11:20; cf. Gen 26:1–5; 27:1–28:5): *Transmission of the Promise*

c. Jacob (11:21; cf. Gen 48:8–20): *Submission to the Promise*

d. Joseph (11:22; cf. Gen 48:21; 50:24–26): *Anticipation of the Promise*

2. Walking with the Lord