### The Journey of Faith Part 3 – The Journey and the Destination

INTRODUCTION

Life, and the journey of faith, is about both the destination and the journey and God has purpose in both. The destinations might be promises God has made to you, or they might be goals you have set with the Lord: tasks to finish, objectives to achieve – in your personal life, in your marriage or family, in finances, in academia, in your career, in your spiritual life, and so on. In Abraham’s life, which serves as a paradigm of the life of faith, God promised him land and descendants. Both promises took many years to fulfil. Similarly, the promises or objectives we have might also take many years to fulfil, thus it is essential that we cultivate patience.

KEY SCRIPTURES

12 We do not want you to become lazy, but to **imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.**

13 When God made his promise to Abraham, since there was no one greater for him to swear by, he swore by himself, 14 saying, “I will surely bless you and give you many descendants.” 15 And so after waiting patiently, Abraham received what was promised. (Hebrews 6)

Secondary passage: Genesis 12:1-10.

Third passage: Genesis 15:12-20 – here God gives Abraham the timescale for the land promise.

KEY POINTS

* By faith and patience we inherit promises.
* To help cultivate patience we need to set aside misbeliefs about the journey of faith, about God, and about ourselves.
* Jesus is willing to wait for God’s promises to Him to be fulfilled, and his example calls us to cultivate that same posture before the Father

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What promises has God made to you, or what goals or objectives has God given you or have you made with the Lord
2. Which of those have already come to pass / been fulfilled, and which are still ahead of you?
3. Is there a command to obey, a sin to avoid or an example we should follow?
4. Share how you plan to apply this in your life.

PRAYER POINTS

* Legacy offering – securing the land for future generations

UPCOMING EVENTS

Lifegroup Leaders Night Wednesday 27 September

Conference 2 – 6 October (office will be closed)

Celebration Sunday 15 October