



Week 11: Finishing Well

Abraham's life is not a story of perfect faith. It's a story of real faith in a perfect God and what happens when we refuse to give up on God's calling. He became a hero of the faith not because he had all the answers, but because he learned how to live with the questions as he trusted God. As we near the end of his life, he shows how to grieve well after losing Sarah and how to finish the race of faith.

Discussion Questions:

1. For the last several weeks, we've watched Abraham journey around the Discipleship Square from beginning his journey of faith in D1 to grieving well and finishing well in D4. How does the concept of the Discipleship Square resonate with your own faith journey? Where do you see yourself on this square (D1, D2, D3, D4) and why (see next page for reference)?
2. Abraham's biggest trial was losing Sarah in Genesis 23. How have you handled grief in your life, especially the loss of a loved one? What does "grieving well" mean to you, and how does faith help in the grieving process?
3. Abraham's response to Sarah's death involved getting up and moving on with his life. Have you ever had to "get up and move on" after a significant loss or setback? What did that process look like for you?
4. Read **Hebrews 12:1-3**. What do you find encouraging about this passage? What steps can you take now to ensure you finish your faith journey well? What might be hindering you, and how can you overcome these obstacles?
5. Read **Genesis 25:7-8**. The phrase "full of years" in the NIV literally means "satisfied" in the original Hebrew. If this text were written about you, what would it look like for you to get to the end of your life and be satisfied?

D1

NEW ORIENTATION

DISORIENTATION

D2

REORIENTATION

D3

ORIENTATION

D4

