“She wakes up to face her future with faith in the One who is already there.”

**Question:** If you could look into your future, what one word might describe what you hope to find there?

Biblical faith:

Faith is only faith when our eyes can’t see the whole picture.

Isaiah 64:4 and 1 Corinthians 2:9-10a “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.” But God has revealed *them* to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.”

Hebrews 11:8-12

Abram and Sarai’s story: Genesis chapter 12-21

Revelation 19:10b “… the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”

Romans 10:17 (NKJV) “… faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

Rhema: ____________________________

Logos: ____________________________
The Greek word for promise: epaggelia

The root word, epaggello, means “to announce a promised good or blessing.”

A promise is a ____________________________________________


Isaiah 54:1 (NIV) “Sing, barren woman, you who never bore a child; burst into song, shout for joy, you who were never in labor; because more are the children of the desolate woman than of her who has a husband,” says the LORD.”

2 Corinthians 1:20

A promise gives us _____________________________

“Any area of our life that doesn’t have hope is under the influence of a lie. And the way we have hope is to get a promise!” – Bill Johnson

“Any area in our thinking that glistens with hope in God is an area which is being liberated by Jesus, the Truth.” – Chuck Pierce, Possessing Your Inheritance

Hebrews 11:1 (TPT) “Now faith brings our hopes into reality and becomes the foundation needed to acquire the things we long for. It is all the evidence required to prove what is still unseen.”

What’s the opposite of a promise? _____________________________

Romans 4:19-21
Further Study:

Day 1

- Read pages 67-80 (week 1), 81-100 (week 2), 165-192 in *How to Study Your Bible*. Don’t feel you need to read the whole section in one day (or even two days!). Take your time as these sections are full of practical directives on how to interpret scripture. Note that pages 165-192 from the appendices gives more detailed instructions/ suggestions on word study. You do not need to read through it if you don’t want to, just use as a reference.

Day 2-6

- Read and study at Hebrews 11:8-21
  - Take several days to read, reread, and mark key words in these verses on your observation sheets. These verses cover 2 lessons, but since they deal with the same family (Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac) it’s important to read the verses together before breaking them apart.
  - Mark any words you wish to revisit later.

Day 7

- Reread these verses and finish marking your observation sheets if you have not already done so.
- Look at these scriptures in context by doing the following:
  - Read Genesis 10-11 to discover Abram’s (note the name difference!) family history. Trace his family line back as far as you can through these verses.
  - Read Genesis 12:1-7 and 13:14-18. What did God promise to Abram? What did God ask Abram to leave/give up?

Day 8

- Spend some time studying Hebrews 11:10
  - Use a concordance or expository dictionary to dig into this verse with word study. Start with “was looking”, “city”, “foundations”, and “builder” if you aren’t sure how/where to begin. Then consider this verse in light of anything you learn from the original text.
  - Use the following verses for cross-referencing:
    Hebrews 11:16, 12:22, 13:14
    Revelation 21:14

Day 9-10
Hebrews 11:13-16 is perfect for practicing your cross-references. Looking at these themes (trusting in God’s promises, the place prepared for us, etc) in other places in scripture reminds us that we are part of God’s promise to Abraham and co-heirs of the promised inheritance through Christ! Here are some great verses for cross-referencing and consider looking for others.

- Hebrews 11:13
- Psalm 39:12
- Matthew 13:17
- John 8:56-58
- Ephesians 2:19
- Hebrews 11:16
- Mark 8:38
- Hebrews 2:11
- John 14:2
- 1 Corinthians 2:9, 13:12
- 2 Peter 13:3