

SERIES: GENESIS
A MATURING FAITH
GENESIS 13

Hebrews 11

1 Now faith is the **substance** of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. **2** For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. **3** By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

Hebrews 11:8

By faith Abraham 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.

1. You know you have a maturing faith when you continue to have a heart that wants to seek the Lord

Luke 11:9-13

Genesis 13

1 Then Abram went up from Egypt, **he and his wife and all that he had**, and Lot with him, to the South. **2** Abram **was very rich** in livestock, in silver, and in gold. **3** And he went on his journey from the South as far as Bethel, **to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai**, **4** to the place of the altar which **he had made there at first**. And there Abram called on the name of the Lord.

1 John 1

7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, **and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.**
8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
9 **If we confess our sins**, He is faithful and just to **forgive us our sins** and to **cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

2. You know you have a maturing faith when you are not grasping after the fleeting riches of this world

2 Corinthians 5:6-8; Luke 12:13; Proverbs 23:5; 1 Timothy 6:6-10

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5 Lot also, who went with Abram, had flocks and herds and tents. **6** Now the land was not able to support them, that they might dwell together, **for their possessions were so great** that they could not dwell together. **7** And there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock. The Canaanites and the Perizzites then dwelt in the land. **8** So Abram said to Lot, **"Please let there be no strife between you and me**, and between my herdsmen and your herdsmen; for we are brethren. **9** Is not the whole land before you? Please separate from me. If you take the left, then I will go to the right; or, if you go to the right, then I will go to the left." **10** And Lot lifted his eyes and saw all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere (before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah) like the **garden** of the Lord, **like the land of Egypt as you go toward Zoar.** **11** Then Lot chose for himself **all the plain of Jordan**, and Lot journeyed east. And they separated from each other. **12** Abram dwelt in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelt in the cities of the plain and **pitched his tent** even as far as Sodom. **13** **But** the men of Sodom were exceedingly wicked and sinful against the Lord.

3. You know that you have a maturing faith when you act upon the truth of God's Word, even when the future is uncertain

Hebrews 10:1-12

Genesis 13

14 And the Lord said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him: "Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are—northward, southward, eastward, and westward; **15** for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever. **16** And I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth; so that if a man could number the dust of the earth, then your descendants also could be numbered. **17** **Arise, walk in the land** through its length and its width, for I give it to you." **18** Then Abram **moved his tent**, and went and dwelt by the terebinth trees of Mamre, which are in Hebron, and **built an altar** there to the Lord.