



## Week 5 –Strong Families Have Faith

God promised Abraham many descendents, saying they would be as numerous "as the stars in the sky and the sand at the seashore." In fact, Abraham would be the father of many nations, and God would give them a promised land. And Abraham's part in the covenant? He was to obey God... and to have faith. Abraham not only had faith; he passed his faith down to Isaac, who passed it to Jacob, who passed his faith down to 12 sons, who formed the very nation of Israel. For these Israelite families, studying God's commands, talking about their faith, and celebrating what God had done were an integral part of their lives.

This week, we are going to talk about how our faith can be passed along to our children and onward to future generations.

Circle one:

*I learned about God from someone in my family.*

Strongly Disagree      Disagree      Neutral      Agree      Strongly Agree

*I frequently talk with my children about my faith in God.*

Strongly Disagree      Disagree      Neutral      Agree      Strongly Agree

*I frequently refer to the Bible when I talk with my children about moral issues.*

Strongly Disagree      Disagree      Neutral      Agree      Strongly Agree

*I regularly pray with my children.*

Strongly Disagree      Disagree      Neutral      Agree      Strongly Agree

*We regularly attend church as a family.*

Strongly Disagree      Disagree      Neutral      Agree      Strongly Agree

*The way I live sets an example of faith for my children.*

Strongly Disagree      Disagree      Neutral      Agree      Strongly Agree

According to Hebrews 11:6, how important is faith? Why is it so important?

In what ways do you think Abraham's faith influenced his children's, grandchildren's and great grandchildren's faith?



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In what ways has Abraham's faith and example influenced you?

Rate the ways listed below in order of their importance to you. When you are finished, share your answers (and the reasons behind them) with your group.

\_\_\_\_\_ regularly attend church with your family

\_\_\_\_\_ pray together as a family

\_\_\_\_\_ pray for your family

\_\_\_\_\_ live in obedience to God's commandments

\_\_\_\_\_ have your children attend a youth group

\_\_\_\_\_ study the Bible together as a family

\_\_\_\_\_ serve others as a family

\_\_\_\_\_ demonstrate your faith, by trusting God with your finances, your career, and key decisions

Which of these areas would you like most to improve? How can you begin?

Read Proverbs 14:26 - in your own words, describe what this passage says about the home and family of someone who follows God.

In what ways can a faith filled home feel safe and secure? How would you describe your home?

Assignment - choose an area above and committed to improving the area starting this week. Right the goal and the specific steps you will take to accomplish your goal.