

**12 And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore. Hebrews 11:12**

**Why do we think that God would never ask us to do or endure difficult things?**

***20 By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau in regard to their future. 21 By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of Joseph's sons, and worshiped as he leaned on the top of his staff. 22 By faith Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and gave instructions concerning the burial of his bones. Hebrew 11:20-22***

***You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. Genesis 50:20***

**Faith is total trust even in the face of evidence to the contrary.**

***8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:8-9***

**We have freedom in Christ to make both requests and complaints to God.**

***Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. Hebrews 4:16***

**We expect a lot from God and very little from ourselves.**

**If we were worthy on our own then Jesus would not have had to come and die on a cross for our sins.**