There is No Reason to Turn Back! An Exposition of the Book of Hebrews

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Romans 4:11

"11 And he received the <u>sign of circumcision</u>, a <u>seal of the righteousness</u> of the faith which he had <u>while uncircumcised</u>, so that he might be the father of all who believe without being circumcised, that righteousness might be credited to them."

Galatians 3:29

"²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then <u>you</u> are <u>Abraham's descendants</u>, heirs according to promise."

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Genesis 15:2-3

"² Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will You give me, since I am childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' ³ And Abram said, 'Since You have given no offspring to me, one born in my house is my heir.'"

Genesis 15:4-7

"4 Then behold, the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'This man will not be your heir; but one who will come forth from your own body, he shall be your heir.' ⁵ And He took him outside and said, 'Now look toward the heavens, and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' And He said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' ⁶ Then he believed in the Lord; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness. ⁷ And He said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess it."

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Hebrews 11:19

"19 He considered that God is able to raise people even from the dead, from which he also received him back as a type."

Genesis 22:11-14

"11 But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' 12 He said, 'Do not stretch out your hand against the lad, and do nothing to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.' 13 Then Abraham raised his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him a ram caught in the thicket by his horns; and Abraham went and took the ram and offered him up for a burnt offering in the place of his son. 14 Abraham called the name of that place The Lord Will Provide, as it is said to this day, 'In the mount of the Lord it will be provided.'"

Genesis 22:16-17

"16 and said, 'By Myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this thing and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ indeed I will greatly bless you, and I will greatly multiply your seed as the stars of the heavens and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your seed shall possess the gate of their enemies."

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Hebrews 11:9-13

"9 By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise; ¹⁰ for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith even Sarah herself received ability to conceive, even beyond the proper time of life, since she considered Him faithful who had promised.

¹² Therefore there was born even of one man, and him as good as dead at that, as many descendants AS THE STARS OF HEAVEN IN NUMBER, AND INNUMERABLE AS THE SAND WHICH IS BY THE SEASHORE. ¹³ All these died in faith, without receiving the promises, but having seen them and having welcomed them from a distance, and having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth."

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Galatians 3:16,26,29

"Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, 'And to offsprings,' referring to many, but referring to one, 'And to your offspring,' who is Christ. ... In Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ... If you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise."

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We have many doubts, as did Abraham, but his life is cause for calming our insecurity.

Pressing on in faith is the main point.

We have cause for hope while the world has none.

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