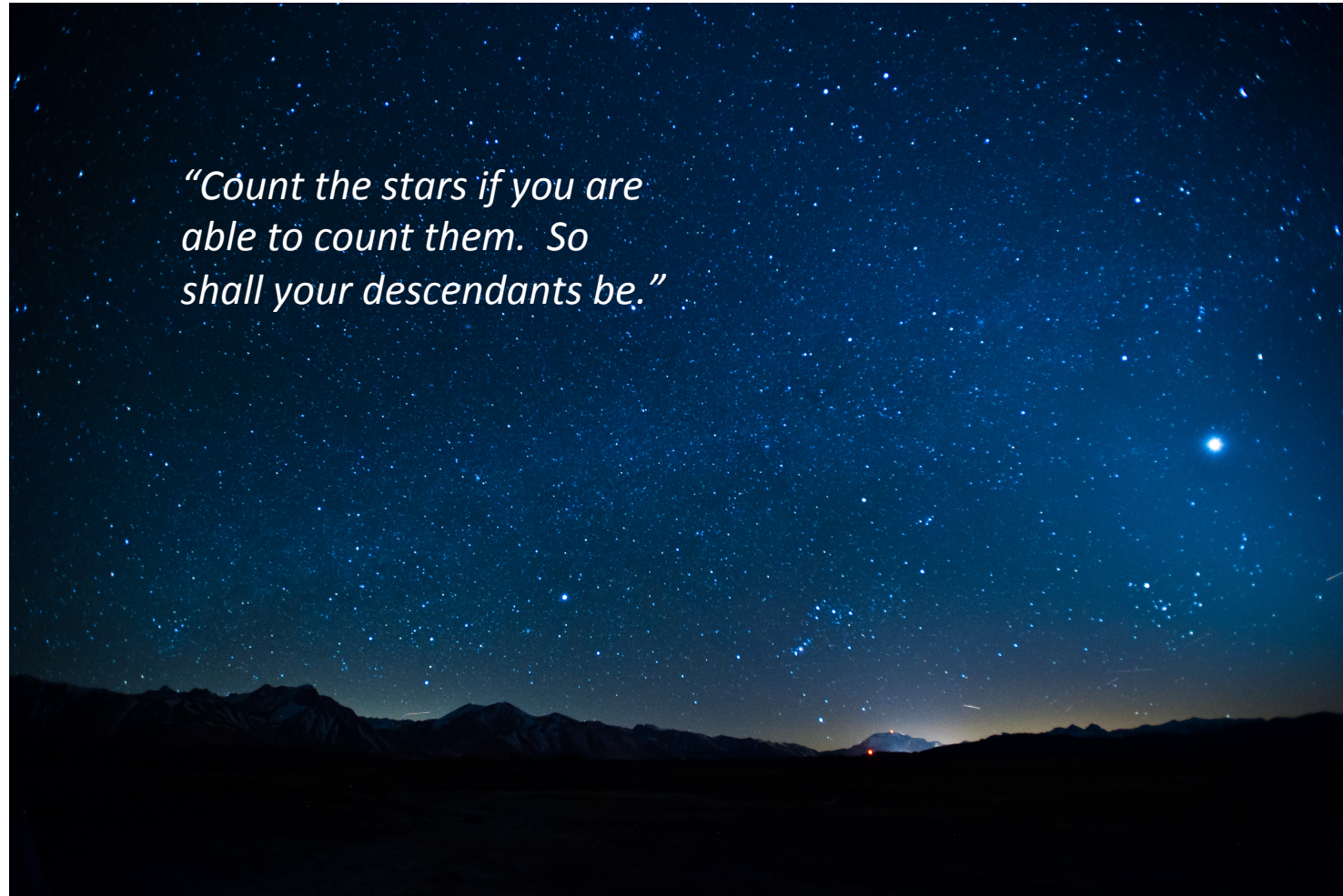


# No Greater Example: The Faith of Abraham

Hebrews 11:8-16



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Abraham demonstrated his faith through his unquestioning obedience to God's call. He believed the promise of God to be true and he acted on it.

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Abraham believed God's promise, enabling him to live with contentment and patience while sojourning as a foreigner in the land given to him as an inheritance. His faith was continually strengthened as he focused on his future, permanent dwelling in heaven, where he would be in the very presence of God.

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3. Abraham was confident God had the power to do the impossible (11-12)

Although from a purely human perspective it made no sense, Abraham and Sarah believed God's promise that they would produce a son, trusting in God's power to do the impossible.

# Living Life from the Perspective of Faith (13-16)

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- The patriarchs did not live to see the fulfillment of all God had promised
- But because they trusted in God, the patriarchs viewed the promises as being as good as done
- They were not time-bound or earth-bound in their thinking, but kept an eternal perspective, looking toward their heavenly inheritance

# Living Life from the Perspective of Faith (13-16)

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- The patriarchs did not live to see the fulfillment of all God had promised
- But God is not ashamed to be called our God. *‘Those who honor Me I will honor,’* the Lord says in 1 Samuel 2:30, The patriarchs honored God, and God honored them. Nothing is so honoring to Him as the life of faith. In fact nothing honors Him BUT the life of faith.” - John MacArthur
- The patriarchs lived on earth, but kept an eternal perspective, looking toward their heavenly inheritance

# Implications & Application

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1. True faith results in obedience and action
2. True faith produces patience, trusting in the Lord's timing and keeping an eternal perspective
3. Faith takes God at His word, even when it seems humanly impossible
4. Hold on to the things of this life loosely... we are only passing through and an imperishable inheritance awaits us in heaven
5. A life of faith honors God!