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Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Commentary: The Book of Hebrews (unknown author) was meant to connect the church leaders in Jerusalem, Greece, and Rome to a common definition of the core definition and support of the role of faith in our lives.

The text **begins** with the most commonly heard definition of faith as that God given quality which sustains our hope for an invisible, unknown hope. **Next**, it gives readers support **behind faith** as **God** that we can believe in by the **evidence** of the surrounding universe formed from nothing.

The writer then gives Abraham and Sarah as examples of those who had so much faith in God that that they obeyed without question to move from their familiar homeland to the distant, unknown land (now northern Israel). God's promise was that obedience would result in "descendants of Abraham would number as the stars" a promise that was kept by God continuously after Abraham's death with Christian, Jewish and Muslim followers of Abraham in the billions today.

Summary: our hearts and lungs give us life; our faith gives our life purpose and hope.