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### Application Questions:

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2. Why is Abraham such a good example to follow? Read his story in Genesis 12-22. Pay close attention to the details. What details (age, moving, testing, etc.) make Abraham's story so worthy of emulating? What lessons of faith and perseverance can you learn and apply to your own life?
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5. How is the promise to Abraham significant for us today as believers? Read Romans 4:13-25.
6. What **four** roles does the author of Hebrews tell us that Jesus fulfills on our behalf? How will remembering these build our hope?
7. What is the significance of a refuge? (See Num 35, Deut 19, Josh 20) How is Christ our refuge? What is the significance of Jesus being an anchor for our soul? What is Jesus doing right now to protect our soul? (Rom 8:34, Heb 7:24-25) How does this make our hope "sure & steadfast?"
8. What does it mean that Jesus is our forerunner and that He has entered through the veil? What is the veil? (See Matt 27:51) What did Jesus do for you when He entered into the heavenly "Holy of Holies?" As a High Priest what did Jesus do? (see Heb 5:14, 7:26-28, 9:11-14)

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