

Journey of Faith

(Part 12 – The Joy & Pain of a Life of Faith)

Text: Genesis 21:1-21, Gal 4:21-31

Main Idea: A life of faith in God yields ultimate joy, but also involves great pain when we separate from the flesh!

1. **Immense Joy** comes on the journey of faith when we _____ the promise of God's covenant with us! (v. 1-7)
 - Joy comes from knowing that God is always _____ to His Word in His timing. (v. 1-2, Gal 4:4-5)
 - Joy comes when we follow & _____ the Lord! (v. 3-4)
 - Joy comes when we finally become totally _____ upon Him! (v. 5-7)

2. **Intense Pain** comes on the journey of faith when we _____ ourselves from the flesh & everything which is in opposition to God's plan. (v. 8-21, Gal 4:21-31)
 - *Expect* that decisions of the _____ will always be painful creating conflict with what should have been done by faith in God! (v. 9-13)
 - *Resolve* the conflict by _____ that which is done in your own strength & trust God by obeying His will & plan! (v. 14)
 - *Rest* in God who graciously & sovereignly _____ the pain of parting with the old life. (v. 15-21)