The Ripple Effect

"The Ripple Effect of Faith"

Introduction: 1. Do you believe you can have an impact on the lives of others, even long after you are dead and gone?

2. Let's examine how our lives have been affected by the lives of others, and how our lives can affect the lives of others as well.

I. The Ripple Effect of Faith

- A. The apostles on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2).
 - 1. (Acts 1:8).
 - 2. This ripple effect is why we are here today.

II. The Ripple Effect Created By Abraham's Faith

- A. (Hebrews 11).
- B. Notice how many times, "by faith..." is used.
- C. It reaches a crescendo in v. 32.
- D. What caused Abraham's faith to create such a ripple?
 - 1. He trusted God when he didn't know where he was going (11:8).
 - 2. He trusted God when he didn't know how God would keep his promise (Gen. 15-16).
 - 3. He trusted God when he didn't know when God would keep his promise (Genesis 21:5).

Conclusion:

- 1. It's because of Abraham faith, and the ripple effect it had that we, living four thousand years from the time of Abraham are blessed by him and are even his children (Genesis 12:3; Galatians 3:29).
- 2. Is your faith such that it will create a ripple effect in the lives of others?
- 3. If not, let this be the day you created the ripple by giving your life to Jesus.

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