

# Seek First His Kingdom

- **Look Forward To The Glory**
- **Understand We Enter Through Tribulations**
- **Knowing Not The Path We Will Walk**
- **But Fully Confident That When God Closes A Door He Opens A Window**
  
- *"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose."*

(Romans 8:28, NKJV)

# Our Fathers In The Faith

- *"Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, ..."* (Hebrews 12:1, NKJV)
- **μάρτυς, MARTUS or MARTUR**  
Heb. 12:1, **"(a cloud) of witnesses,"** here of those mentioned in chapter 11, those whose lives and actions testified to the worth and effect of faith, and whose faith received witness in Scripture;  
*W. Vine, Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words*

# Look Forward To The Glory

- Speaking About Abraham and Other Witnesses
  - *"These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland. And truly if they had called to mind that country from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them."* (Hebrews 11:13-16, NKJV)

# We Enter Through Tribulations

- Abraham faced many tribulations, the most difficult must have been the sacrificing of Isaac
  - *"By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called," concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense."* (Hebrews 11:17-19, NKJV)

# We Know Not The Path

- Abraham left his family and country to become a sojourner upon the earth, not knowing where God's Path would take him.
  - *"By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God."*  
(Hebrews 11:8-10, NKJV)

# When God Closes A Door He Opens A Window

- *"Now the Lord had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.""* (Genesis 12:1-3, NKJV)
- *"Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born as many as the stars of the sky in multitude—innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore."* (Hebrews 11:12, NKJV)

# Therefore We Also

- *"Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."*  
(Hebrews 12:1-2, NKJV)