

The Ripple Effect

“The Ripple Effect of Faith”

- Introduction:
1. You would know her name if I mentioned it. But on December 1, 1955 no one knew her name. On this day, a woman who worked as a seamstress, took her lunch break and met with her minister. She went back to work and finished at 6:00 p.m. On her way home, she paid for her bus fare, only to be told to give up her seat to a white person. Rosa Parks refused, and the rest is history.
 2. Rosa Parks said, “When I sat down on the bus that day, I had no idea history was being made. I was only thinking of getting home. But I made up my mind, after so many years of being a victim of mistreatment, that whatever I had to face for not giving up my seat wasn’t important. I didn’t have any fear. It was time for somebody to stand up, or in my case, sit down, so I refused to move.
 3. But this courageous act change the world. It had a ripple effect.

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).
 - a. Get out of your comfort zone.
 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.