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Is it hard or easy to believe that your Father in Heaven wants you to live a life of encouragement?

Do you truly believe that God not only makes promises but keeps promises?

Discuss: The author not only tells them to imitate the faith and patience of Abraham as an example of someone to be like and apply it to their own context, but he tells them to imitate the faith and patience of Abraham because the promise and oath that was to him also concerns us.

Why is it hard to wait patiently in faith when you are facing open-ended or ongoing trials?

What would it look like for you to trust patiently in the Lord who not only makes promises but keeps them?

How do we know that God will not be wobbly and recant his promise and oath like we humans are so prone to do?

What is the promise and encouragement to us in this passage?  Eternal Life. Discuss Hebrews 6:18b “We who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take hold of the hope set before us.”

Explain how encouragement is not to be circumstantial.

Discuss: If fleeing to take hold of this hope in Christ is to encourage us greatly because of the promise of God, then why does our encouragement go up and down all the time?  Answer: We flee to other hopes and what they promise.

Name some other hopes we flee to instead of the promise of God.

Explain how we have an anchor of hope in Christ that goes up and not down?

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