

**HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND TO A LOVED ONE'S DEATH IN CHRIST?
FAITH IN THE MIDST OF DEATH
Genesis 23:1-20**

- I. REMEMBER WE ARE TEMPORARY SOJOURNERS ON THIS EARTH: Sarah dies in faith in the land of promise (1-2a, 4, Hebrews 11:13-16)**
 - A. Sarah dies in the land of Canaan as a sojourner (1-2a, Hebrews 11:13-16)**

 - B. Sarah died in faith looking for a better county, a heavenly one (1-2a, Hebrews 11:13-16)**

 - C. We too are sojourners who can be assures of what happens to us in Christ when we die (1 Peter 1, 1Thes 4)**

- II. RESPOND IN FAITH BY LETTING YOUR GREIF AND ACTIONS TO BE TEMPERED BY THE SURE PROMISES OF GOD: Abraham responds in faith to Sarah's death by initially mourning then seeking to possess a burial site in the land of promise (2b-20, Hebrews 11:13-16)**
 - A. Abraham mourns (2b)**

 - B. Abraham as a sojourner manifests faith in seeking to possess a burial site in the land from to bury Sarah (3-20)**
 - 1. Abraham seeks to secure a burial site from the sons of Heth (Canaanites) (3-9)

 - 2. Ephron the Hittite politely and shrewdly deals with Abraham(10-15)

 - 3. Abraham pays the price and the land and cave in Canaan are deeded to him for a burial site and he buries Sarah there (16-20)