

# **ABRAHAM'S FAITH**

## **Hebrews 11:17-19**

**Do we trust God enough that we'll do hard things when He tells us to?**  
*- Abraham did!*

### **I. THE SITUATION**

#### **A. BY FAITH ABRAHAM DID TWO THINGS (17-19a)**

1. He Behaved: Offering up Isaac (17-18)
  - a. His was an admirable obedience - See Gen. 22:1-6
  - b. His was a difficult obedience
2. He Believed: Calculating God's ability (19a)
  - a. He was taking into consideration or reckoning about what God could do
  - b. He believed that God could raise the dead
  - c. This is the only way Abraham was able to reconcile the conundrum of God's promise regarding Isaac and His command regarding Isaac

#### **B. WITH FAVOR GOD DID TWO THINGS (19b)**

1. He gave Isaac back
  - a. By changing the command > Don't kill him (see Gen. 22:9-12)
  - b. Because Abraham passed the test
  - c. By providing a substitute - Gen. 22:13-14
2. He provided a type
  - a. This account paints a prophetic picture of something in the future
  - b. Abraham's example helps us better understand God's situation in giving up His Son to death

### **II. A SUMMARY**

#### **A. WHEN TESTED ABRAHAM ACTED IN FAITH**

1. Faith requires action - See James 2:14-24 [see also the other examples in Heb. 11]
2. What do we do when our faith is tested?
  - a. Do we consider it joy? - See James 1:2-4
  - b. Do we look for an exit? > How can I get outta here?
3. Will we trust God amid apparent conundrums?

#### **B. THROUGH THE TEST GOD GAVE BLESSINGS**

1. He stretched Abraham's faith to new heights
2. He provided for Abraham in new ways (like twice giving him his son)
3. App: What have we missed out on because we've messed up on God's tests?

**CONCLUSION: When it comes to God we should never have trust issues**

**- Let's behave and believe that His tests are good for us**

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