

FAITH IN GOD'S PROMISES NO MATTER WHAT

LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

Biblical faith is a strong and unwavering belief in God, His character, and His promises as revealed in the Scriptures. Abraham, known as the father of our faith, exemplified this kind of unwavering faith. He obediently followed God's call and trusted His guidance. Despite challenges, Abraham's faith remained strong. His example inspires us to trust God and believe in His faithfulness, so we can please God, walk in His purposes, and ultimately finish well.

OBEDIENCE

When God instructed Abraham to leave his family and go to an unknown place, Abraham obediently followed (Hebrews 11:8, Genesis 12:1-2). He trusted God's promise to bless him and others (Genesis 12:3-4). Abraham's faith was not perfect, but he started by obeying God, illustrating that faith is obedience. James 2:17-19 teaches us that genuine faith is accompanied by good works. A real Christian is someone who not only believes in Jesus but also obeys Him. God uses various tests and challenges to develop our faith, just as Abraham's faith was tested when he went to Egypt (Genesis 12:7,10-13). Through this experience, Abraham learned to place his security in God, realizing that God fulfills His promises no matter what.

REST

Faith in God's promises brings a sense of rest (Psalm 37:4-5,7). To experience this rest, we need to delight in the Lord, commit ourselves to Him, trust Him, and patiently wait for Him. Resting in God grants us freedom from constantly demanding our own way, desiring control, and experiencing anxiety, fear, and depression. It requires us to let go and let God. In the midst of problems, we can find peace and security because our faith is rooted in God's character and promises. Abraham and his nephew Lot faced the challenge of prosperity, leading Abraham to demonstrate true rest by trusting in God rather than the land (Genesis 13:7-15). Abraham deferred to Lot's choice of land, knowing that blessings ultimately come from God. Despite Lot's choice, God assured Abraham that all the land would belong to him and his descendants.

SURRENDER

The world views surrender as weakness, but for believers, surrender brings strength. Surrendering acknowledges God as the ultimate authority. After many years, God tested Abraham's faith (Genesis 22:1) because He was concerned with Abraham's character. God wanted Abraham to surrender his beloved son, Isaac (v.2). Although Isaac was the promised heir and Abraham had waited for him for a long time (Romans 4:19-21), he instantly obeyed God (v.3). As Abraham and Isaac approached the place of sacrifice, Isaac questioned the absence of a lamb, to which Abraham replied that God would provide (vv.7-8). Abraham's trust in God's promise is evident here (Hebrews 11:17-19; Genesis 17:18-19,21; Genesis 21:12). However, before Abraham could sacrifice his son, God intervened and provided a ram (vv.13-14). This event highlights the test of real faith: obedience. We can only obey someone we trust, and we can only trust someone we know. Abraham surrendered completely to God because he knew that God is faithful and trustworthy.

When we examine the lives of Isaac and Jesus, we discover striking similarities between them. Isaac, as Abraham's only son, foreshadows God the Father's only Son, Jesus. Just as Isaac carried the wood for his sacrifice, Jesus carried the weight of the wooden cross for His ultimate sacrifice on Calvary. Both Isaac and Jesus displayed unwavering trust and obedience to their fathers. Isaac willingly obeyed Abraham's instructions, while Jesus faithfully followed His Father's plan, even unto death. The location of their sacrifices further parallels their lives, as both Isaac and Jesus were offered on Mount Moriah.

However, there is a notable distinction in their sacrifices. Isaac was provided a substitute ram, sparing his life, whereas Jesus became the ultimate substitute Himself, offering His life for the redemption of humanity. Jesus is rightly hailed as the Lamb of God. In Him, we find hope, peace, and transformation in our lives!

LAST WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was offering up his only begotten son; it was he to whom it was said, "In Isaac your descendants shall be called."

HEBREWS 11:17-18

DISCUSS THIS MESSAGE

How has God been building your faith and obedience?

What causes you to be restless and anxious? How can you overcome them?

What are the Isaacs (idols) in your life that God wants you to surrender?

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with Annabelle Robles
June 22, Thursday, 10:00 AM, MPH

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with Ian Perez
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June 28, Wednesday, 7:30 PM

- Book 1: One by One, Session 3
- Book 3: The Holy Spirit, Session 3

GLC Level 2 — Face to Face

Book 5: Starting Point for
Small Groups, Session 2
June 25, Sunday, 1:00 PM, Room 3A

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He desires for you to have a meaningful life with Him in the present and gain eternal life with Him in the future.

*Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who **keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness** to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments — Deuteronomy 7:9*

2 God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us from Him.

Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. — Romans 3:23

3 God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for us to be reconciled to Him: through His son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the cross for our sins and be raised to life for eternity.

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. — Romans 5:8

I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. — John 14:6

4 God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven of our sins and saved from eternal death.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. — John 3:16

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. — Ephesians 2:8-9

5 God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have eternal life when you trust in Jesus.

And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. — 1 John 5:11-13



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