

Faith is Always Subject to Tests

- ❖Abraham's faith was tested several times before, but he had ultimately continued to trust in God concerning the promises – Romans 4:20-22
- However, despite all the times Abraham displayed his faith he was not exempt from further, more strenuous tests – Genesis 22:1, 12
- ❖ We should understand the necessity of trials 1 Peter 1:6-7
- We should understand the benefit of trials James 2:2-3; Romans 5:3-5



Faithful Obedience Begins in the Heart

- Abraham was ultimately stopped from slaying his son, but the Hebrew writer said he offered Isaac *Genesis 22:10-12; Hebrews 11:17-19*
- Our hearts must be predetermined to obey God's word Acts 17:11; Ezra 7:10
- ❖Obedience to God's word is decided before the command comes, and such comes from the humility God calls us to −

 James 1:21

Faith Trusts in God's Power and Promise No Matter the Situation

- ❖Abraham's dilemma (1) God's command will nullify His promise, (2) God's commands must be obeyed.
- ❖ Abraham's thoughts revealed *Hebrews 11:19; Genesis 22:5*
- ❖ Faith does not have to see, but simply acts on God's word − Hebrews 11:1; Romans 10:17
- ❖Rather than doubting God's way we need to simply obey 2 Timothy 1:13; Hebrews 8:5



Faith Puts God Before Children

- No doubt, a great part of Abraham's test had to do with his affection for his son – Hebrews 11:17-18
- Christ calls us to be fully devoted to Him even over our children Luke 12:51-53; 14:26-27



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Faith is Confident of Future Blessings

❖ This confidence is ultimately expressed in our preparations for these promises – 2 Peter 1:8-11; 3:13-14, 18

Faith Never Stops Worshiping God

- ❖ Jacob worshiped even in his extremely weakened position.
- ❖Our excitement and resolve to worship should never be dampened, not even with age − *Psalm 146:1-2*
- ❖ We should remember of what our goal consists *Revelation 14:1-3*



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Faith Persists to the End of Life

- Like Jacob, Joseph's faith persisted to life's end, and manifested itself Genesis 50:22-26
- ❖ Faith works until it enters the prepared rest *Hebrews 4:8-16*



