

St. Paul's Notes

EXTREME FAITH

Faith Tested

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Hebrews 11:17-19

Abraham's Faith Illustrated

I. Abraham's _____

"By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had received the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son." Vs. 17

"Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' 'Here I am,' he replied. Then God said, 'Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about.'" Genesis 22:1-2

II. Abraham's _____

"Even though God had said to him, 'It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned'" Vs. 18

Faith believes and leaves the "how"
in the hands of Almighty God.

III. Abraham's _____

"Abraham reasoned that God could raise the dead, and figuratively speaking, he did receive Isaac back from death." Vs. 19

"Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you." Genesis 22:5

Abraham believed that he and his son
would somehow return together.

"Where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" Genesis 22:7

"God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." vs. 8

Faith at its Highest Point

God reconciled his promise
(to bless the world through Isaac)
and his command (to offer Isaac as a sacrifice)

Not a Mite Would I Withhold

An idol is anything good that becomes too important to you.

"What do you benefit if you gain the whole world and lose your own soul?" Mark 8:36 NLT