

Abraham: Four Great Tests of Faith

Hebrews 11:8-19

1. Abraham – a great example of Faith
2. Abraham's four areas of testing
 - a. Leaving Home
 - b. Temptation of Power
 - c. Waiting for the Promise
 - d. Sacrifice of Isaac

Leaving Home

1. Abraham to leave home Gen. 12:1-4
2. Leaving home not easy
3. Leaving home means separation
 - a. Friends
 - b. Family
 - c. Familiar surroundings
4. We are told to leave
 - a. Father and Mother Gen. 2:23-24
 - b. The World II Cor.6:16-17

Temptation of Power

1. It has been said, “*Power corrupts, Absolute power corrupts absolutely!*”
2. Abraham offered wealth Gen.14:21-23
 - a. He had his priorities right
 - b. I Timothy 6:5-12
 - c. We are to seek God first. Matt. 6:33
 - d. Are you're priorities right?

Waiting for the Promise

1. Abraham was 75 years old when God first made the promise of a son. Gen.12:2-3
 - a. Gen. 13:14-16
 - b. Gen. 15:1-6
 - c. Gen. 17:15-17
 - d. Gen. 21:1-5 He was 100 years old when the promise was fulfilled.
2. We want everything and we want it right now!
3. Some lose patience and doubt the promise of Christ coming again. II Peter 3:3-4
4. He is coming again! Acts 1:9-11 II Peter 3:9-10

Sacrifice of Isaac

1. God tells Abraham to offer his only son.
 - a. Gen.22:1-13
 - b. Abraham's faith was tested. And he was willing to sacrifice the most precious thing to him, his only son.
2. God was willing to sacrifice the most precious thing to Him, His only son, Jesus Christ. What are we willing to sacrifice for God?

Abraham's Great Faith

1. Abraham's faith in God was tested.
2. Our faith in God is tested. When we are tempted:
 - a. not to come to worship Heb. 10:25
 - b. not to give as we should in time, money & abilities
 - c. not to do the will of God in all things
3. How great is our faith? Abraham passed the test of faith.

Will You?

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