

Father of the Faithful

Genesis 6:5-22

Introduction:

Text: Galatians 3:6-9

A. What is faith in God? (Hebrews 11:1-3, 6)

B. Insights for living from Abraham's example
(Genesis 12:1-7; 13:2; 14:14-16, 18-20; Hebrews 11:8-10)

Conclusion:

Tabletalk Questions

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1. What did you enjoy most about going to school?
2. What is a test you have faced that grew your faith in God?
3. Have you ever made a personal sacrifice on someone else’s behalf? If so, describe the experience and why you did it?
4. Read Genesis 22:1-2. Think of a time in your life when God tested you. What do you think those tests were preparing you for?
5. Read Genesis 22:3-9. Beyond his love for Isaac, what was it about this act of obedience that would have been so hard for Abraham to understand?
6. Read Genesis 22:10-18. In what ways have you found the Lord honoring obedient faith in your life? How has He provided for you and blessed you?

Reflect

The Lord tests us to grow us. He wants to reveal what is really in our hearts and refine us, removing the impurities and compromises that keep us spiritually weak. As with Abraham, these tests usually involve two things: obedience to something that the Lord is asking us to do and trust for His provision beyond our resources. This is the pathway to a life of faith. The writer of Hebrews tells us that pleasing God without faith is impossible (Hebrews 11:6). The apostle Peter reminds us that our trials will demonstrate genuine faith (1 Peter 1:7). It is the testing of our faith that brings the fruitfulness in our lives that will bring glory to God. Remember that important word equation:

Faith + Obedience = Sacrifice Honored by God