

Transforming the City One Life at a Time.



40 Days of Faith

Know God, Grow Together, Discover Purpose, Make a Difference

CONNECT

- Have you ever loved something, maybe a toy when you were younger or gift, and then suddenly have to give it away? What happened?

WORD

Hebrews 11:8-11, 17-19

“8 By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. 9 By faith he made his home in the Promised Land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. 10 For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. 11 And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she[a] considered him faithful who had made the promise.

17 By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, 18 even though God had said to him, “It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.”[a] 19 Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death.”

THOUGHT

God doesn't mince words. God knew just how precious Isaac was to Abraham, having had to wait until he was 100 years old to have him. It would be far less of a test of Abraham's faith if the sacrifice didn't mean much. "Obedience is always better than sacrifice!" (1 Samuel 15:22)

DISCUSSION

1. Where is home for you? When did you first leave? Why? Who or what did you take with you? What did you leave behind?

2. Knowing God waited 25 years before providing a son for Abraham, how would you expect Abraham to react to God's instructions?

3. Why doesn't Abraham object? Would you have done the same as Abraham did?

4. What did you learn about Abraham's prompt obedient actions?

5. Describe a time when you made a significant, personal sacrifice in response to God's directive? What happened?

PERSONAL APPLICATION

- This week, as you take time to reflect on Abraham's long awaited son and the events that followed. Spend time reflecting and expecting from God to speak and your obedience to follow. Spend time thinking about the moments you did and did not and make steps for the future.

PRAYER

- Pray, asking God to give you the obedience that Abraham has. The ability to hear and see what God is doing, even when it doesn't make sense. Pray asking God that He gives you the confidence to know that you hear His voice and respond accordingly.
- Pray for the friends and family around you, pray the same prayer for them if they know God. If they do not know God, pray for the ability to have God revealed to them in a real way.