# Abraham's Journey of Faith

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## INTRODUCTION

- It makes no difference how we are led or whither we are led, so long as we are sure God is leading us.
- By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.
- We can't really understand Genesis 22 well until we understand the things that come before it.

## 1 Abraham's Journey of Ups and Downs

**Genesis 12**

- His life is not one that was just this pinnacle of faith that from the beginning started high and just continued higher. That's not the story of Abraham.
- They are the kinds of people that we should be looking toward to emulate.
- It's going to be this pattern of kind of ups and downs where we make good decisions and we make bad decisions along the way.
- But the reality is Abraham doubted too. Abraham lacked faith. He lied to Pharaoh in chapter 12.

## 2 Here Am I

**Genesis 22:1–12; Romans 8:32; Hebrews 11:17–19**

- Chapter 22, the text really hinges around the statement, Here am I. Three times Abraham says this.
- Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains, which I shall tell you.
- We need to learn to respond with faith, as Abraham is doing here, to get up, rise early in the morning and go about the things that need to be done.
- God will provide for himself a lamb. That's a statement of faith, of total faith.
- Now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son from me.

## 3 Walk With God Through the Unknown

**Genesis 12:1; Romans 4; Psalm 23**

- We have to be the kind of people who are willing to walk with God through the unknown.
- Sometimes we have to take the journey into the unknown.
- He's walking by faith, not by sight.
- When we begin to fret over lack of vision given to us in God's divine planning, we have to remember he leadeth me.
- Doesn't necessarily matter where or how. But who? It's God that's leading.

## 4 Walk With God, Though the Cost Is Sometimes Great

- Second, we have to walk with God, though the cost is sometimes great.
- But the reality is he would have never experienced that through disobedience.
- Sometimes our greatest lessons in faith are when we do go into the depths of the unknown and follow what God has asked us to do, even when the cost seems great.
- And yet God still calls us to do what's right.
- So the story of Abraham ends much the way it began. The Lord calls and he goes.

## 5 Faith Brings Blessings; God Is the God of Life

**Philippians 4:13; Hebrews 11**

- Faith brings blessings. Sometimes the cost is great, but the reward is greater.
- Content whatever lot I see, since 'tis my God that leadeth me.
- God is the God of life, not death.
- He knew God's character. He knew God's intentions. He knew that God loved him.

THE CHALLENGE

If you're in one of those down moments, it's time to get back on the upward trail. And to begin again this life of faith, realizing the blessings that will come, if not in this life, in the life to come.

MY NOTES