

Remember – You Are Never Alone

- ♦ **Isaiah 30:20-21** ²⁰ And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your Teacher will not hide himself anymore, but your eyes shall see your Teacher. ²¹ And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left.
- ♦ **Joshua 1:9** ⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."
- ♦ 1 John 5:4-5 ⁴ For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Lessons From Abraham and Isaac's Journey

- 1. Willing to Start the Journey
- 2. Trust and Believe
- 3. Let Go of the Outcome Give God Control
- 4. Complete the Journey Don't Quit

Willing to Start the Journey

♦ Genesis 22:1-3 - After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ² He said, "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 of which I shall tell you." ³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.

Procrastination Does Not Solve Problems

- ♦ Ecclesiastes 11:4 He who observes the wind will not sow, and he who regards the clouds will not reap.
- ♦ Ephesians 5:15-17 Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.
- **♦ 2 Timothy 1:7** ⁷ for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

Faith – Abraham Obeyed God

♦ **Hebrews 11:8-9** - ⁸ 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. ⁹ By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise.

Trust and Believe

♦ Genesis 22:4-8 - 4 On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." 6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷ And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" 8 Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

Walk by Faith and Not Sight

♦2 Corinthians 5:7 - For we walk by faith, not by sight.

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♦2 Corinthians 4:18 - So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Faith and Trust

- ♦ **Psalm 119:105** Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
- ♦ **Hebrews 11:1** Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
- ♦ **Hebrews 11:6** . ⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

Let Go of the Outcome – Give God Control

♦ Genesis 22:9-10 - 9 When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son.

Trust in the Lord

- ♦ Proverbs 3:5-6 ⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.
 - ⁶ In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

♦ **Proverbs 28:26** - ²⁶ Whoever trusts in his own mind is a fool, but he who walks in wisdom will be delivered.

Do Not Boast

♦ **Jeremiah 9:23-24** - ²³ Thus says the Lord: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, ²⁴ but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord."

Complete the Journey – Don't Quit

♦ Genesis 22:11-13 - But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ¹² He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." 13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.

Faith of Abraham

♦ **Hebrews 11:17-19** - ⁷ By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, ¹⁸ of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." ¹⁹ He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

God Will Provide

♦ Romans 8:28 - And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

♦ Philippians 4:19 - And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

