

FAITH PLEASES GOD

Family Devotion – Lesson 20

MEMORY VERSE—HEBREWS 11:17

“By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered Isaac”

- God wanted to test the faith of Abraham by asking him to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice. This required faith for several reasons:
 - God promised that he would use Isaac’s family to bless the world. Isaac had no family yet.
 - God would have to raise Isaac from the dead (Heb. 11:19).
 - God would have to give Abraham strength to do such a thing.
 - God would have to give Isaac faith to trust what was going to happen.
- It took Abraham about twenty-five years to get to the point where he could trust God like this. Come to find out, it was not Isaac that God wanted, but Abraham’s heart of faith.
- Faith is like a muscle. It must be exercised to grow and get stronger.
- How will God get us to the point where we can trust Him in spite of impossible situations?
 - Remember that nothing is too hard for the Lord (Gen. 18:14).
 - God will train us to trust Him with small things and gradually graduate us to bigger things (Lk. 16:10).
 - We must have a personal relationship with His word (Rom. 10:17).
- When we have faith in God, it gives Him glory and pleases Him (Rom. 4:20).
- *“But without faith it is impossible to please him...”* (Heb. 11:6).



QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS

- How can you please God more by faith?
- Is there anything in your life that you would struggle giving up for God? Why?
- How has your faith grown over the years?



PRAYER TIME

- Ask God to help you trust Him more.
- Remember in your prayers that nothing is too hard for the Lord.



CHALLENGE

- Pray for God to do something that seems impossible.