

Faith Like Abraham 3

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Isaiah 51:1-2 – ¹ Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness and who seek the LORD: **Look to the rock** from which you were cut and to the quarry from which you were hewn; ² **Look to Abraham, your father, and to Sarah, who gave you birth.** When I called him he was but one, and **I blessed him** and made him many. *NIV*

Steps of Abe's faith – immediate obedience!

- Our faith, like the faith of Abraham, will be progressive.
- The steps you take today are preparing you for the steps you will need to take tomorrow.
- The plan of God for our lives unfold in **each step**, not in the **leaps!**

Left ur of the Chaldee

Genesis 12:1-4 – ¹ The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. ² "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." ⁴ **So Abram left, as the LORD had told him;** *NIV*

Circumcised himself and those in his household

Genesis 17:23- **On that very day** Abraham took his son Ishmael and all those born in his household or bought with his money, every male in his household, and circumcised them, as God told him. *NIV*

Ishmael sent away

Genesis 21:11-14 – ¹¹ The matter distressed Abraham greatly because it concerned his son. ¹² But God said to him, "Do not be so distressed about the boy and your maidservant. Listen to whatever Sarah tells you, because it is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned. ¹³ I will make the son of the maidservant into a nation also, because he is your offspring." ¹⁴ **Early the next morning** Abraham took some food and a skin of water and gave them to Hagar. He set them on her shoulders and then sent her off with the boy. She went on her way and wandered in the desert of Beersheba. *NIV*

Offered up Isaac

Genesis 22:1-18 – ¹ Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. ² Then God said, "Take your son, **your only son**, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about." ³ **Early the next morning** Abraham got up and saddled his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. ⁴ **On the third day** Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. ⁵ He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. **We** will worship and then **we** will come back to you." ⁶ Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and **placed it on his son** Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, ⁷ Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?" "Yes, my son?" Abraham replied. "The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but **where is the lamb** for the burnt offering?" ⁸ Abraham answered, "**God himself will provide the lamb** for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together. ⁹ When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. ¹² "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son." ¹³ Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided." ¹⁵ The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time ¹⁶ and said, "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, ¹⁸ and **through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed**, because you have obeyed me." **NIV**

Hebrews 11:17-19 – ¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had received 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." ¹⁹ Abraham reasoned that God could raise the dead, and figuratively speaking, **he did receive Isaac back from death.** **NIV**

You are cut from the same rock!