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GROWING A FAITH THAT ENDURES

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Hebrews 11:17–19 NLT

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Some time later, God tested Abraham's faith. "Abraham!" God called.
"Yes," he replied. "Here I am."
2 "Take your son, your only son—yes, Isaac, whom you love so much—and go to the land of Moriah. Go and sacrifice him as a burnt offering on one of the mountains, which I will show you."
3 The next morning Abraham got up early. He saddled his donkey and took two of his servants with him, along with his son, Isaac. Then he chopped wood for a fire for a burnt offering and set out for the place God had told him about.

Genesis 22:1–3 NLT

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4 On the third day of their journey, Abraham looked up and
saw the place in the distance. 5 “Stay here with the
donkey,” Abraham told the servants. “The boy and I will
travel a little farther. We will worship there, and then we
will come right back.”
6 So Abraham placed the wood for the burnt offering on
Isaac’s shoulders, while he himself carried the fire and the
knife. As the two of them walked on together, 7 Isaac
turned to Abraham and said, “Father?”
“Yes, my son?” Abraham replied.
“We have the fire and the wood,” the boy said, “but where
is the sheep for the burnt offering?”
Genesis 22:4–7 NLT

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8 “God will provide a sheep for the burnt offering, my son,”
Abraham answered. And they both walked on together.
9 When they arrived at the place where God had told him
to go, Abraham built an altar and arranged the wood on it.
Then he tied his son, Isaac, and laid him on the altar on
top of the wood. 10 And Abraham picked up the knife to kill
his son as a sacrifice. 11 At that moment the angel of the
Lord called to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!”
“Yes,” Abraham replied. “Here I am!”

Genesis 22:8–11 NLT

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12 “Don’t lay a hand on the boy!” the angel said. “Do not
hurt him in any way, for now I know that you truly fear
God. You have not withheld from me even your son, your
only son.”
13 Then Abraham looked up and saw a ram caught by its
horns in a thicket. So he took the ram and sacrificed it as a
burnt offering in place of his son. 14 Abraham named the
place Yahweh-Yireh (which means “the Lord will provide”).
To this day, people still use that name as a proverb: “On
the mountain of the Lord it will be provided.”

Genesis 22:12–14 NLT

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15 Then the angel of the Lord called again to Abraham from
heaven. 16 “This is what the Lord says: Because you have
obeyed me and have not withheld even your son, your
only son, I swear by my own name that 17 I will certainly
bless you. I will multiply your descendants beyond
number, like the stars in the sky and the sand on the
seashore. Your descendants will conquer the cities of their
enemies. 18 And through your descendants all the nations
of the earth will be blessed—all because you have obeyed
me.”
19 Then they returned to the servants and traveled back to
Beersheba, where Abraham continued to live.
Genesis 22:15–19 NLT

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Faith often requires us to surrender the Promise back to the Promise Keeper

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Faith empowers us to worship in the Middle of the Mystery

20 Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head and
fell on the ground and worshiped. 21 And he said, “Naked I
came from my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return. The
Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the
name of the Lord.”
22 In all this Job did not sin or charge God with wrong.

Job 1:20–22 ESV

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23 For I pass on to you what I received from the Lord
himself. On the night when he was betrayed, the Lord
Jesus took some bread 24 and gave thanks to God for it.
Then he broke it in pieces and said, “This is my body,
which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”
25 In the same way, he took the cup of wine after supper,
saying, “This cup is the new covenant between God and
his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood. Do
this in remembrance of me as often as you drink it.”
26 For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup,
you are announcing the Lord’s death until he comes
again.

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27 So anyone who eats this bread or drinks this cup of the
Lord unworthily is guilty of sinning against the body and
blood of the Lord. 28 That is why you should examine
yourself before eating the bread and drinking the cup.
29 For if you eat the bread or drink the cup without
honoring the body of Christ, you are eating and drinking
God's judgment upon yourself. 30 That is why many of you
are weak and sick and some have even died.
31 But if we would examine ourselves, we would not be
judged by God in this way. 32 Yet when we are judged by
the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be
condemned along with the world.
1 Corinthians 11:27–32 (NLT)

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