



*Use this guide to help your community group engage further with this week's sermon.*

## **By Faith Abraham, Part 2 (Hebrews 11:17-19)**

**May 10, 2026**

**Read Hebrews 11:17-19, skim through Genesis 22, and then discuss these questions.**

- 1. In Heb. 11:17, Abraham's faith was tested.** What's the difference between a test and a temptation? Is testing a necessary part of faith in God? Why/why not? Where have you felt your faith being tested, not tempted? How has God refined you through it?
- 2. How does Heb. 11:17 describe Abraham's obedience to offer Isaac as a sacrifice, even when it seemed costly and confusing?** When was a time that obedience to God seemed costly and confusing to you? What did you learn about God and about yourself through it?
- 3. In Heb. 11:17-18, how is Isaac described to highlight him as a precious gift?** Do you agree that a great danger in the Christian life is to allow a good gift to become an idol? Why/why not? What does it look like to surrender good gifts to God?
- 4. What in Heb. 11:17-18 shows that Abraham obeyed before fully understanding how God's promise would stand?** Have you ever waited for explanations from God before fully obeying Him? Explain. How could someone encourage you to obey God in certain areas even when you don't have a full understanding of what He's doing?
- 5. According to Heb. 11:19, what did Abraham consider God able to do with Isaac?** In what ways does the story of Abraham and Isaac point to Christ? How does trusting in God's resurrection power through Christ influence your response to loss, fear, or uncertainty in this life?

**Pray for one another.** How would you like us to pray for you? Consider these:

- To trust God's goodness in every test and not mistake testing for abandonment.
- To love the Giver (God) more than His gifts and surrender every potential idol to Him.
- To walk in obedient, resurrection-shaped faith when life seems confusing, costly, and impossible.

**Consider singing together:** "[10,000 Reasons \(Bless the Lord\)](#)"