

## **The Courageous Faith of Abraham**

### **Session 10 Summary:**

Session 10 explores the life of Abraham as a model of courageous faith through three pivotal moments in his journey with God. The session emphasizes the difference between merely talking about faith and actively living it out, even when circumstances seem unclear, impossible, or costly. Through Abraham's obedience in leaving his homeland, trusting God's promise during 25 years of waiting, and willingness to sacrifice Isaac, we learn that genuine faith requires surrendering our comfort, control, and cherished possessions to follow God's calling. The session challenges believers to move beyond "safe faith" to a courageous faith that obeys without clarity, trusts in impossibility, and surrenders what we love most. Christian shares his personal testimony of being called to ministry while pursuing a different career path, illustrating how God often calls us to leave behind our own plans to follow His greater purpose.

### **Key Points:**

- There is a significant difference between talking about faith and living out faith through action
- God is not looking for safe faith but courageous faith that steps into the unknown
- Courageous faith obeys even without all the details
- Delayed obedience is disobedience
- God is not intimidated by our questions, doubts, or emotions—He invites us to bring them to Him
- Courageous faith trusts God when the promise feels impossible
- Faith in waiting seasons requires remembering God's past faithfulness
- Courageous faith will surrender what you love most
- Abraham's faith wasn't in a plan but in a person—God Himself
- God tests our faith not to take from us but to reveal what we're holding onto more than Him

Scripture Reference:

- Genesis 12:1-9 (God's call to Abram to leave his homeland)
- Genesis 15:1-6 (God's promise of descendants as numerous as the stars)
- Genesis 22:1-14 (Abraham's test of faith in being asked to sacrifice Isaac)

Stories:

- Abraham leaving Ur without knowing his destination, trusting only God's command to go
- Abraham waiting 25 years for God's promise of a son to be fulfilled through Isaac
- Abraham's willingness to sacrifice Isaac on Mount Moriah, believing God would still keep His promise
- The speaker's personal testimony of being called to ministry while studying kinesiology at Mississippi State, planning to become a physical therapist
- The speaker's experience of receiving multiple confirmations about his call to ministry during a summer internship
- The speaker's salvation experience at Nukes restaurant in August 2021, surrendering his life and plans to God
- The chair illustration demonstrating the difference between talking about faith and acting on faith