

I. A Father’s Faith Evaluated in Times of Testing **{RESILIENT FAITH}** (1-2)

A. An unexpected test (1) - “After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.”

B. An unbelievable test (2) - He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.”

II. A Father’s Faith Displayed in Times of Obedience **{REVERENT FAITH}** (3-5)

A. Abraham obeyed without hesitation (3) - “So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.”

B. Abraham obeyed in the face of uncertainty (4) - “On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar.”

C. Abraham obeyed by trusting God’s word (5) - “Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.”

III. A Father’s Faith Applied in Times of Uncertainty **{RELENTLESS FAITH}** (6-10)

A. Our uncertainty should never interfere with our obedience (6) - “And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together.”

B. Our uncertainty wants to grow when tough questions are asked (7) - “And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?”

C. Our uncertainty must kneel at the feet of faith (8-10) - “ Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together. 9 When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. 10 Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son.”

IV. A Father’s Faith Matured in Times of Understanding **{REWARDING FAITH}** (11-14)

A. God intervenes (11-12) - “But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” 12 He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.”

B. God illuminates (13) - “And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.”

C. God instructs (14) - “ So Abraham called the name of that place, “The Lord will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.”

