

DAY 6 — Abraham: Courage Rooted in Covenant



Aim of Today's Study

To understand how Abraham models *courage over clarity* by trusting God's covenant promises—releasing control, obeying without full understanding, and anchoring his faith in God's faithfulness rather than visible outcomes.

Anchor Passage

Hebrews 11:8–10

Abraham obeyed God's call without knowing the destination, living as a stranger and fixing his hope on a future built and secured by God Himself.

Potential Study Passages

- **Genesis 12:1–9** — Abraham leaves the familiar without a map, timeline, or guarantees
- **Genesis 15** — God establishes His everlasting covenant with Abraham
- **Genesis 22** — Abraham trusts God with the promise itself
- **Romans 4:16–22** — Abraham's faith strengthens while waiting
- **Galatians 3:6–9** — Abraham receives the gospel in advance by faith
- **Mark 10:17–22** — The Rich Young Ruler: belief without surrender

Summary for the Day

Abraham's life shows us that courageous faith is not rooted in confidence about the future, but in trust in a covenant-keeping God. He did not wait for clarity or security before obeying. He stepped forward because he believed God's promises were trustworthy—even when fulfillment seemed distant or impossible.

Abraham left everything familiar without a map, lived as a foreigner in tents, and trusted God with promises he could never fulfill on his own. His courage was not cautious or partial; it was surrendered and hope-filled. At the heart of his faith was covenant—God binding Himself to Abraham by promise, not performance. This trust is seen most clearly when Abraham was

willing to offer Isaac, believing that if God made the promise, God would keep it—even if it required resurrection.

The story of the Rich Young Ruler helps sharpen this contrast. Like Abraham, he believed in God and desired eternal life. But when Jesus invited him to release control and trust fully, he walked away. Abraham chose courage over clarity; the Rich Young Ruler chose security over surrender. Studying both stories side by side reveals the difference between belief that holds back and faith that goes all in.

God's covenant with Abraham was everlasting. It pointed forward to Jesus, was secured at the cross, and will be fully realized when Christ returns and reigns. Abraham trusted a future he would never fully see, confident that God would remain faithful across generations and history.

Abraham's story invites us to stop living halfway surrendered and to place our lives fully in the hands of a faithful God—because courage comes from living life in the hands of God.

Reflection Questions

1. Where in your life are you tempted to hold back instead of going all in with God?
2. Why do you think Jesus often presses on the thing we value most?
3. How does Abraham's obedience contrast with the Rich Young Ruler's response to Jesus. What is the difference between believing God is trustworthy and actually entrusting Him with what matters most?
4. How does trusting God's covenant differ from trusting circumstances or results?
5. How does believing God can redeem /oss change how we face obedience?