



## TESTED

Hebrews 11:17-19

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*"17 By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, 18 even though God had said to him, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." 19 Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death."*

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### 1. God Will Test Me

*"Some time later God tested Abraham."* **Genesis 22:1**

*"Test me, Lord, and try me, examine my heart and mind."* **Psalms 26:2**

*"The crucible for silver and the furnace for gold, but the Lord tests the heart."*  
**Proverbs 17:3**

*"On the contrary, we speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts."*  
**1 Thessalonians 2:4**

*"...do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion, during the time of testing in the wilderness...."* **Hebrews 3:8**

*"Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you."*  
**1 Peter 4:12**

## 2. Faith Works Best with Action

*“By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice.”*

**Hebrews 11:17**

*“What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them?” **James 2:14***

## 3. Faith and Reason are Compatible

*“Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death.” **Hebrews 11:19***

**Reasoned:** underpinned by logic or good sense, rather than on an appeal to people’s emotions

**Compatible:** Two things able to exist or occur together without conflict

**Synonyms** - Harmonious, Agreeable, Companionable

Faith without Reason leads to IGNORANCE  
Reason without Faith leads to ARROGANCE  
Faith with Reason leads to OBEDIENCE