

Abraham lived a sacrificial faith. The same faith we are called to grow into.

Leave what's familiar.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

Hebrews 11:8

Avoid what is unnecessary.

By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. Hebrews 11:9-10

Sacrifice what is requested.

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, ¹⁸ of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." ¹⁹ He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. Hebrews 11:17-19

Let's Talk About It

Abraham's faith, as recorded in Hebrews 11, shows us that faith grows progressively through obedience, focus, and surrender. Abraham first learned to obey God by leaving what was familiar. He then focused on God by living with an eternal perspective, and ultimately trusted God enough to surrender what mattered most. His willingness to offer Isaac wasn't impulsive faith, but mature faith—trusting who God is above circumstances or understanding. Abraham's story reminds us that God grows our faith step by step, inviting us to trust Him more deeply and to live with a sacrificial love rooted in what He has already done for us through Jesus.

Hebrews 11:8-10,17-19

Discussion questions:

- Which part of the message impacted or challenged you?
- Read Hebrews 11:8-10. Abraham obeyed God without knowing where he was going. Where is God asking you to trust Him without having all the answers? What emotions or thoughts are you experiencing?
- Abraham learned to leave what was familiar and seek God first. What are some "comfortable" things that can make it harder for you to take risks and fully trust God? What courageous step can you take to build your faith in that area?
- Read Hebrews 11:17-19. Abraham trusted God even when asked to sacrifice Isaac. What does sacrificial faith look like in everyday life for you (time, priorities, relationships, control)?
- Abraham's faith didn't grow overnight—it developed progressively—obedience, focus, then sacrifice. Which of those feels most relevant to your current season?
- Is there something God is inviting you to surrender or trust Him with right now?

Take a Step

- What is one small step of obedience you can take to live with sacrificial faith?

Here's My Prayer

- Jesus, thank You for calling me into a life of faith. Help me trust You even when I don't have all the answers. Teach me to obey Your voice, keep my focus on You, and surrender what I'm holding onto. Grow my faith step by step, and help me love You with my whole heart, trusting that You are always faithful. In Jesus' name, amen.