

HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND WHEN OUR FAITH IS TESTED?
Lessons from the Testing of Abraham
Hebrews 11:17-22

I. REALIZE TESTING WILL COME (17a)

II. LEARN FROM ABRAHAM'S RESPONSE (17-19a)

A. The action of faith: obedience (17a)

1. Abraham obeyed God's command (17a; Genesis 22:1-10)

2. Abraham's act of obedience was worship (Gen 22:5; cf Heb 11:21)

B. The mindset of faith (17b-19)

1. Abraham didn't attempt to resolve the apparent contradiction (17b-18)

2. Abraham simply believed God's Word (19)

C. An illustration: The faith of Isaac, Jacob and Joseph in light of death (20-22)

III. LOOK BEYOND THE TEST AND BE ENCOURAGED (11:19b, GEN. 22:1-18)