

## *Father Abraham's Faith*

**Introduction:** The Bible says that Abraham is the father of the family of faith. It is his life that exemplifies what it is to live by faith in a world that challenges the people of faith. Faith without challenges would not be faith. Father Abraham's faith stood strong and even grew stronger as he experienced God's faithfulness. Abraham was faced with an unimaginable faith-test and from this experience we learn 5 things that we consider as we look at our own faith-journey:

- Abraham's faith was tested; **Genesis 22:1-2** *Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham... God knows how much faith you have, He tests us so that you know how much faith you have.*

***Embrace the testing of your faith.***

- Abraham spoke-out in faith; **Genesis 22:3-8** *"Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you."* God wants you to speak your faith as you live your faith.

***Words of faith produce fruits of faith.***

- Abraham stepped-out in faith; **Genesis 22:9-10** *And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.* Faith without follow-through is not true faith.

***Don't just talk faith; do faith.***

- Abraham's faith was confirmed; **Genesis 22:11-12** *And He said... "I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son from Me.* When you prove your faith to God you are actually proving your faith to yourself.

***Faith doesn't always make sense.***

- Abraham's Faith Was Rewarded; **Genesis 22:13-19** *"By Myself I have sworn... because you have done this... blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants..."* Without faith it is impossible to please God. With faith you will always please God.

***Live by faith and reap His blessings.***

Abraham's status as the father of faith did not come by taking shortcuts. The Bible tells us that the testing of our faith serves the purpose of bringing us to spiritual maturity and that we should count it all joy when we are tested because when God tests our faith, He counts us worthy and able to pass the test. As you walk your own journey; walk by faith and not by sight and see what God will do.