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....By the Example of **Abraham**

Hebrews

11:8-10, 17-19

Abraham's calling

11:8-10

Abraham's trial

11:17-19



Abraham

“by faith Abraham obeyed when he was called...”



- **Abraham was willing to believe God**
 - Deep and abiding trust
 - Scripture monuments to his faith:
 - **Romans 4, Hebrews 11, James 2**
 - Used often as an example of faith!

Abraham

Obedience to the Divine Call



- **Begins a lifelong journey**
 - **Genesis 12:1-9**
- **Left a large city to go to the unknown**
- **Listened to God's instruction**
- **Put God above all others**
 - **Matthew 10:32-39**

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Personal Trial of Faith

Hebrews 11:17-19



- **Offering his son Isaac**
 - Genesis 22:1-13
- **His faith exemplified:**
 - Prompt action
 - Thorough preparation
 - Complete confidence
 - Complete obedience (v12)

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Personal Trial of Faith

Hebrews 11:17-19



Faith said “I believe in God”

Works said “I’ll show you how much.”

• Had a perfect faith – grew to maturity

“Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? Do you see that **faith was working together with his works**, and **by works faith was made perfect**? And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS ACCOUNTED TO HIM FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS.” And he was called the friend of God. You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.” **James 2:21-24**

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Summary



- **Key verse – Hebrews 11:8**
 - “by faith Abraham obeyed when he was called...”
- **Key thought**
 - Knew where the source of life was

Faith is simply the willingness to trust God, to take Him at His word, to do it **“His way.”**