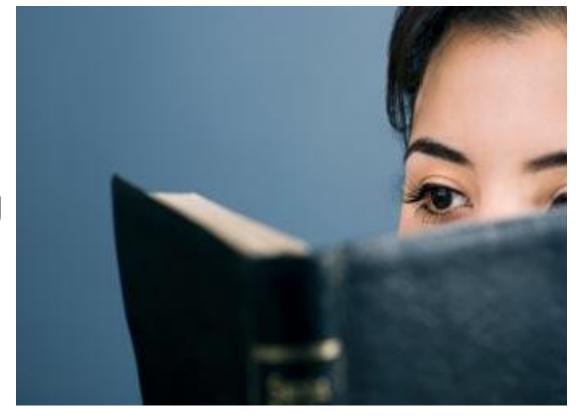
### **Building Our Faith....**



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Hebrews 11:8-10, 17-19

Abraham's calling 11:8-10 Abraham's trial 11:17-19



"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!

## 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

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)

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

#### 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."