

Faith that God Applauds

A Study of Hebrews 11

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Today's Text: Hebrews 11: 17-19

Abraham's Long Walk of Faith

This was the event in Abraham's life that makes him the "father of faith". No one had ever been promised so much and waited so long to see the promise fulfilled. And now, in one horrific moment, God is asking the impossible... "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love...and sacrifice him..." There are many lessons in this scripture for each of us, if we are willing to search them out.

What Do We Know about Abraham That Hebrews Doesn't Tell Us?

Abraham's Long Walk to Moriah – Genesis 22

- 15 terrible seconds: Immediate obedience in spite of an illogical demand
- Faith in the storm of confusion and silence...braced by "reasoning"
- "God will provide the lamb"
- Abraham's faith in God had grown strong over 50 years...

The Hebrew Writer Speaks of This Event as a Shadow of a Future Event

- There would be another son, an only son, well loved
- There would be another trip to the mountains of Moriah...
another sacrifice demanded
- But this time, the outcome would be drastically different

What Does This Have to Do With Us?

- Your faith will be tested...don't say you weren't warned! (1 Peter 4: 12)
- Why would God do this to us? What's the point?
(Job 23: 1-10; James 1: 2, 3)