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FIRST GIVING HONOR TO GOD

HONORING GOD WITH OUR FAITH

Abraham

WHAT IS FAITH?

"Faith is trusting and obeying God in spite of your feelings, circumstances, or consequences."

WHO WAS ABRAHAM?

Parents-Terah
Siblings- Nahor and Haran
Spiritual Significance-Father of Israel, Father of Faith, Worshipper

ABRAHAM HAD:

- **LISTENING EARS**

Abraham had a listening ear. We as believers need to cultivate ears of faith. We need to be able to recognize Him when He speaks!

God appeared to Abraham-Acts 7:2
God spoke to Abraham-Genesis 12:1-9

How To Listen To God

- ⇒ God's Word-Read and study God's word regularly. Psalms 1:1-2
- ⇒ Creation-Marvel at its design. Look at its attributes. Psalms 19:1-6
- ⇒ Wise Counsel-Seek wise counsel! Proverbs 11:14
- ⇒ Mind & Soul-Use your reason! Weigh your circumstances. Listen to your heart! Romans 12:2
- ⇒ Adversity-Trust in God's purposes! Rest in God's promises! Accept God's discipline! Wait on God's direction! Romans 8:28

- **OBEDIENT FEET**

Faith does more than listen, it acts and obeys! Hebrews 11:8; Romans 4:13-20

- **DISCERNING FAITH**

Even though Abraham made some bad decisions, he still endured to get what God had promised! Abraham tried to get ahead of God, but God showed him who was in charge. Genesis 16:1-5, 21:1-12

DIFFERENCE ISAAC vs. ISHMEAL

Ishmael

- What you produced
- Your will: a son
- What you settled for
- Born out of compromise

Isaac

- What God produced
- His will: an heir
- What God promised
- Born of consent

- **TRUSTFUL HEART**

Can you trust God, when you can't trace God? Genesis 22:1-14