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The Obedience of Faith

Genesis 22:1-24

# Hebrews 11:19

“He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.”

(ESV)



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An Immediate Response

**“Here I am”** (22:1, 11)

# When God Called ...

- **Leave Ur of the Chaldees**

“Now the Lord said to Abram, ‘Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you ... So Abram went, as the LORD had told him.”

(Gen 12:1, 4, ESV)

# When God Called ...

- Leave Ur of the Chaldees

- **Circumcise every male in his house**

“Then Abraham took ... all those born in his house ... every male among the men of Abraham’s house, and he circumcised [them] ... as God had said to him.” (Gen 17:23, ESV)

# When God Called ...

- Leave Ur of the Chaldees
- Circumcise every male in his house
- **Go to the Mount of the Lord**

“Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.’ So Abraham rose early in the morning.” (Gen 22:1-3, ESV)

# Psalm 119:60

“I hasten and do not delay to keep your  
commandments.”

(ESV)

# Genesis 22:1, 11

- “After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, ‘Abraham!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’”
- “But the angel of the LORD called to him ... and said, ‘Abraham, Abraham!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’” (ESV)

# Challenge

- **Commit to responding to God's leading by saying, "Here I Am."**

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## A Sustained Response

“So Abraham rose early in the morning ...  
and went to the place of which God had  
told him” (22:3)

# Obedience for the long haul

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- **Genesis 22**—The journey from Beersheba to Mount Moriah.

# Challenge

- Commit to responding to God's leading by saying, "Here I Am."
- **Commit to a lifetime of discipleship that won't stop short this side of heaven.**



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## A Rewarded Response

“Because you have done this ... I will surely  
bless you” (22:16-17)

# Genesis 22:13-14

“And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place, ‘The LORD will provide;’ as it is said to this day, ‘On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.’” (ESV)

# Abraham's Faith Rewarded

- **God spared Abraham's son Isaac**

“Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” (22:12, ESV)

# Abraham's Faith Rewarded

- God spared Abraham's son Isaac
- **God reaffirms his promise to Abraham**  
“By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you and ... multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.” (Gen 22:16-18, ESV)

# God spoke to Abraham

- **God spoke to Abraham 8x**
  - Gen 12:1, 7; 13:14; 15:1; 17:1; 18:1; 21:12: 22:1, 15.
- These are the last words recorded for us that God gives to Abraham.

# Mathew 25:21

“His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’” (ESV)

# God's Promise to Abraham

- **God's promise is recorded for us in:**
  - **12:1-3, 7; 15:5, 13-16; 17:1-8, 15-16, 19-21; 22:16-18**
- **We find a unique phrase in this passage:**
  - **"Your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies"** (22:17, ESV)

# Abraham's Faith Rewarded

- God spared Abraham's son Isaac
- God reaffirms his promise to Abraham
- **Abraham receives news of his family**  
“Now after these things it was told to Abraham, ‘Behold, Milcah also has borne children to your brother Nahor: Uz his firstborn, Buz his brother, Kemuel the father of Aram, Chesed, Hazo, Pildash, Jidlaph, and Bethuel.’ (Bethuel fathered Rebekah.)” (22:20-23, ESV)

“There is nothing, indeed, which God will not do for a man who dares to step out upon what seems to be the mist; though as he puts down his foot he finds it rock beneath him.”

# Romans 4:20-21

“No unbelief made him [Abraham] waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.” (ESV)

# Challenge

- Commit to responding to God's leading by saying, "Here I Am."
- Commit to a lifetime of discipleship that won't stop short this side of heaven.
- **Commit to living a life of faith, giving glory to God, convinced that God will do what he has promised.**



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## The Obedience of Faith

**God can be trusted to do what he has promised. Will you be found faithful?**

# Next Steps

- I will not delay when God calls me.
- I will practice obedience, persistence, and consistency in my faith.
- I want to commit to a lifetime of discipleship to Jesus.