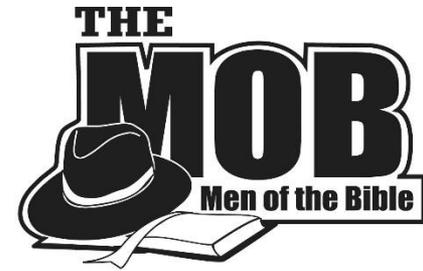




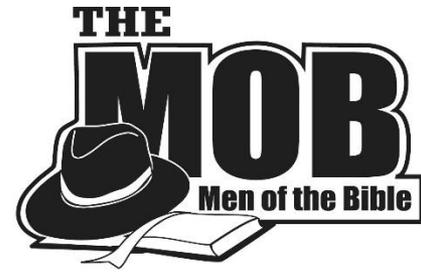
# Announcements



- Welcome to the MOB! [www.ibcmob.net](http://www.ibcmob.net)
- Co-ed softball mid-April to early July. If you are interested in the team, please contact the [Discipleship Office](#) for more information.
- [Women's Spring Conference, March 24-25, 2017](#)  
[Theme: Be Still - Finding True Rest for Your Soul](#)
- Please pray for our Nation and our leaders  
[1 Timothy 2:1-4](#)



# Memory Verse



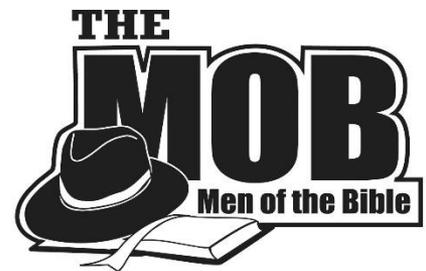
## Romans 5:1 (ESV)

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

## Romans 5:1 (ESV)



# Hebrews Outline

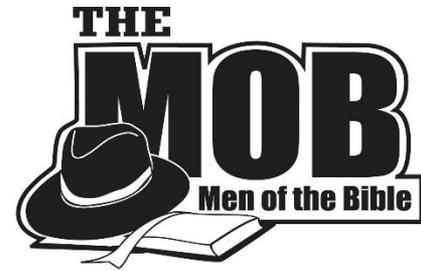


Focus	Christ's Person			Christ's Work			Walk of Faith		
Reference	1:1-3	1:4 – 2:18	3:1 – 4:13	4:14 – 7:28	8:1-13	9:1 – 10:18	10:19 – 11:40	12:1-29	13:1-25
Division	Christ Superior to the Prophets	Christ Superior to the Angels	Christ Superior to Moses	Christ's Superior Priesthood	Christ's Superior Covenant	Christ's Superior Sanctuary & Sacrifice	Assurance of Faith	Endurance of Faith	Exhortation to Love
Topic	Majesty of Christ			Ministry of Christ			Ministers for Christ		
	Doctrine						Discipline		
Location & Time	Place of writing <b>unknown</b> . Probably written around <b>64-68 AD</b>								





# Last Meeting



## Supreme Examples of Faith: Abraham

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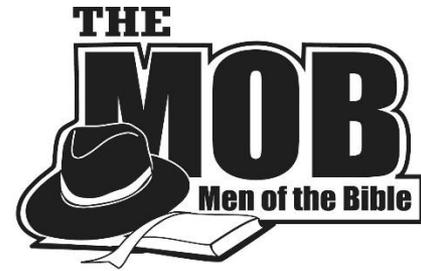
Study: [Hebrews 11:8-10](#)

[Genesis 11:27 – 12:9](#)

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# This Meeting



## Supreme Examples of Faith: Isaac

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Study: [Hebrews 11:11-16](#)

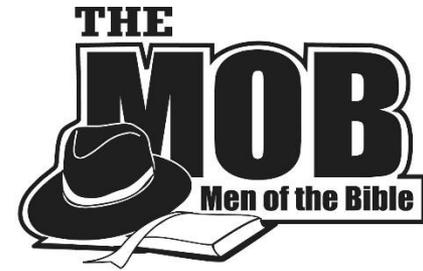
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# Hebrews 11:11-16 (ESV)

## Examples of Faith: Isaac

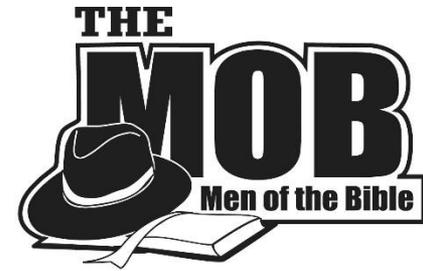


<sup>11</sup> By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup> Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. <sup>13</sup> These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. <sup>14</sup> For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.



# Genesis 15:1-18 (ESV)

## Examples of Faith: Isaac



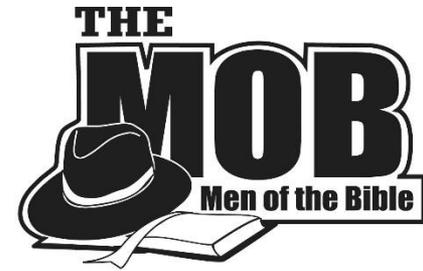
<sup>1</sup> After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” <sup>2</sup> But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” <sup>4</sup> And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” <sup>5</sup> And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” <sup>6</sup> And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

<sup>7</sup> And he said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess.” <sup>8</sup> But he said, “O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” <sup>9</sup> He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” <sup>10</sup> And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. <sup>11</sup> And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.



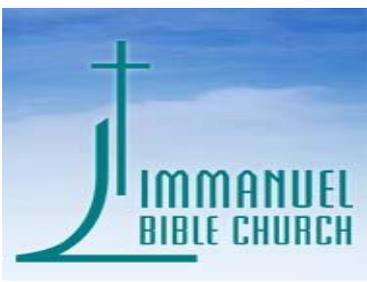
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## Examples of Faith: Isaac



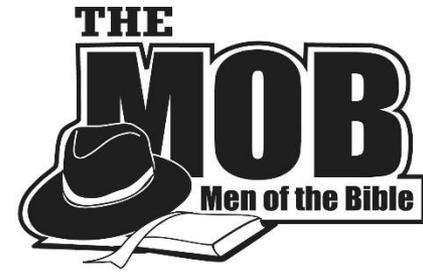
<sup>12</sup> As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. <sup>13</sup> Then the LORD said to Abram, “Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years. <sup>14</sup> But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions. <sup>15</sup> As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age. <sup>16</sup> And they shall come back here in the fourth generation, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.”

<sup>17</sup> When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. <sup>18</sup> On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,



# Genesis 21:1-7 (ESV)

## Examples of Faith: Isaac

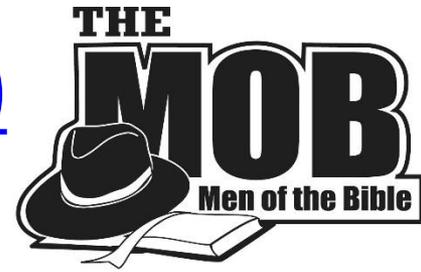


<sup>1</sup> The LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did to Sarah as he had promised. <sup>2</sup> And Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age at the time of which God had spoken to him. <sup>3</sup> Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore him, Isaac. <sup>4</sup> And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. <sup>5</sup> Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. <sup>6</sup> And Sarah said, “God has made laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh over me.” <sup>7</sup> And she said, “Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.”



# Hebrews 11:11-16 (ESV)

## Observation & Interpretation

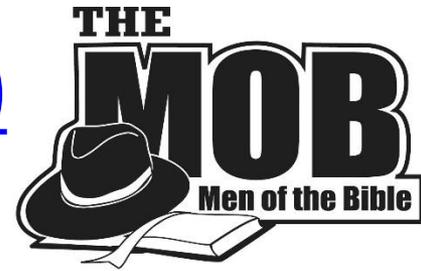


- Review (Weirsbe Bible Commentary):
  - Abel – faith worshipping – it cost him his life
  - Enoch – faith walking – fellowship with God
  - Noah – faith working – used mind, heart & will
  - The patriarchs – faith waiting – the faithful promises of God and His plan for the nation of Israel: Hebrews 11:9, 11, 13, and 17



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## Observation & Interpretation



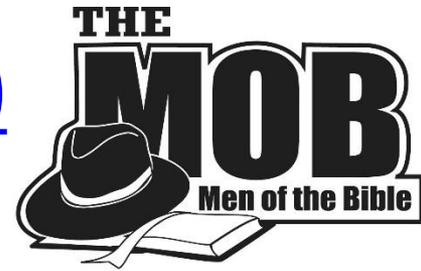
- Observation (O): God promised Abraham and Sarah a son.
- Interpretation (I): Abraham and Sarah had to wait 25 years before the promise of a son was fulfilled.
- Application (A): Obedient despite the wait; the seeming lack of progress and the troubles they encountered. Nomads: moved, lived in tents, were aliens. Hebrews 11:8, “By faith Abraham... obeyed.”

The result was first Isaac, then Jacob (and Esau), and then the twelve sons of Jacob (12 tribes).



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## Observation & Interpretation

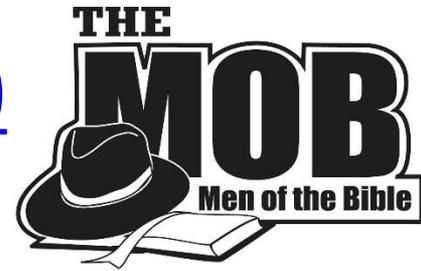


- O: Abraham obeyed when he didn't know how God's will would be accomplished.
- I: Abraham and Sarah were too old to have children naturally. They created more difficulties when they tried to fix the problem themselves, but they both believed a miracle would occur. See [Romans 4:13-25](#).
- A: Unbelief asks, "How can this be?" [Luke 1:18-20](#). Faith asks, "How shall this be?" [Luke 1:34-37](#).



# Hebrews 11:11-16 (ESV)

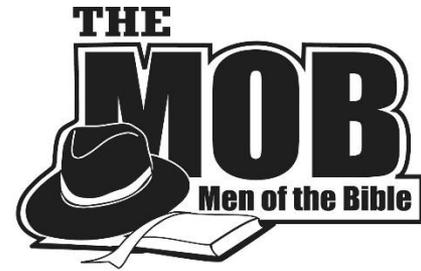
## Observation & Interpretation



- O: Abraham believed & obeyed God even though he didn't know when God would fulfill His promises.
- I: God used the waiting period to hone their faith. They didn't get to see the all the promises come to fruition. They struggled with discouragement, disbelief, trials, and personal and tribal conflicts.
- A: Our Christian walk and our God-ordained life objectives will not be a smooth ride. In part, we need to be reminded that (like Abraham and Sarah) our ultimate reward is in heaven, not on earth.



# Next Meeting



## Supreme Examples of Faith: Abraham

Review: Hebrews 1 – 11:16

Study: [Hebrews 11:17-19](#)

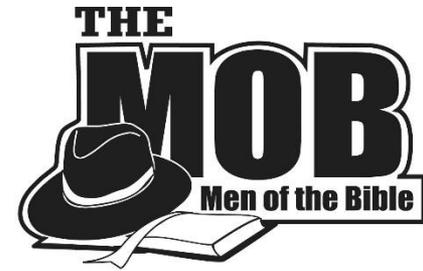
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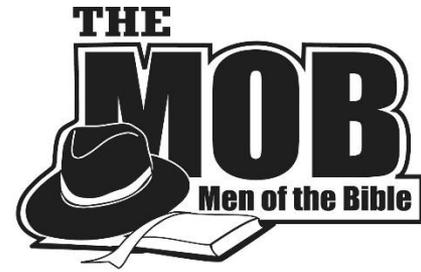
## Application / Discussion



1. “By faith Abraham... obeyed.” What is one mission you are pursuing that has proved difficult. How do you face the frustration, stay the course, and “obey”?
2. Abraham and Sarah sometimes created more difficulties when they tried to fix the problem themselves. Have you known your mission tasking, but attempted to take charge yourself and made a hash out of the job? How did you recover?
3. God used the waiting period to hone the faith of Abraham and Sarah. How are you using your times of waiting to actively develop your faith?



# Closing



- Questions?
- Comments?
- Closing Prayer

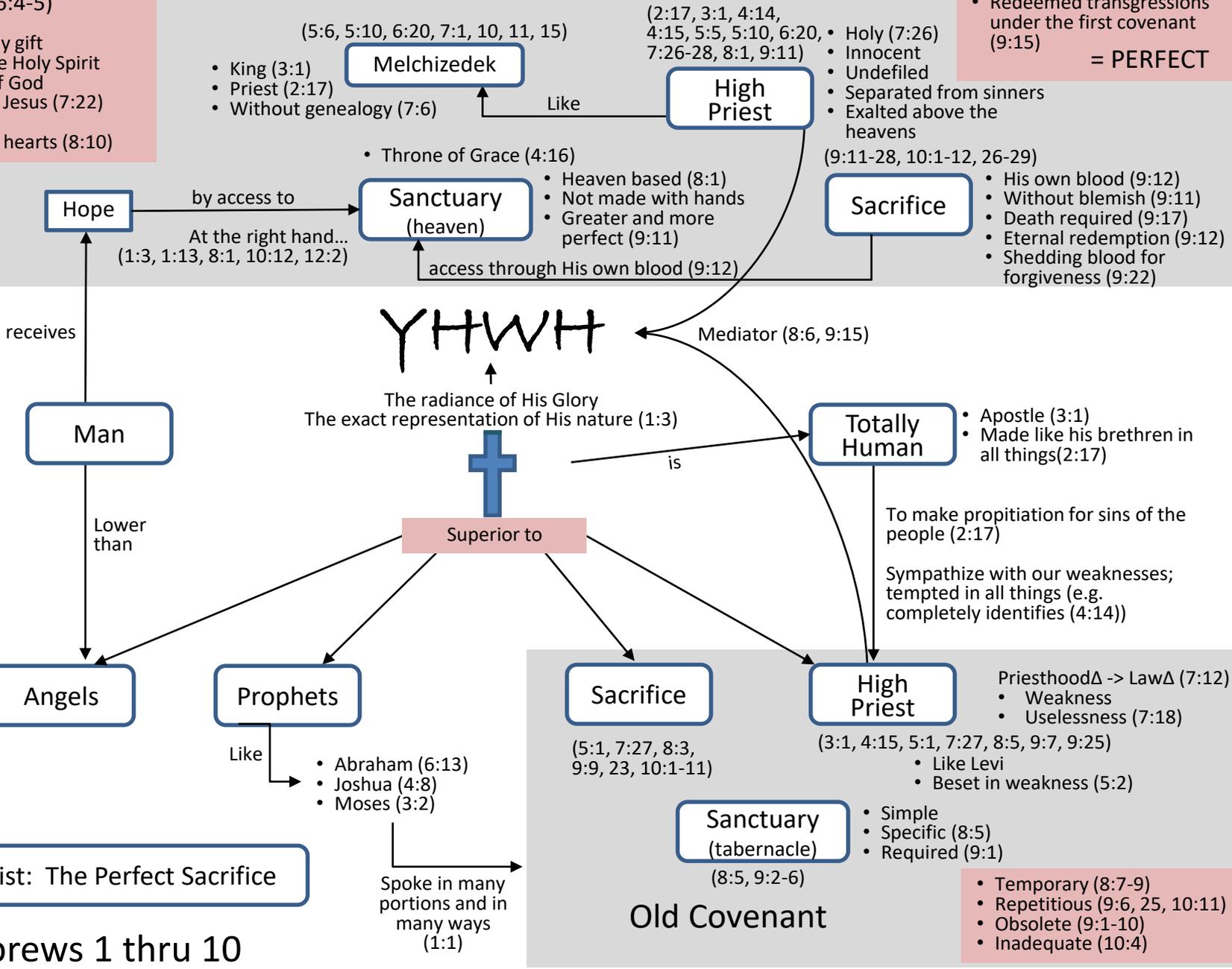
**Better Things (6:4-5)**

- Enlightened
- Tasted heavenly gift
- Partakers of the Holy Spirit
- Tasted Word of God
- Guaranteed by Jesus (7:22)
- Faultless (8:7)
- Written on our hearts (8:10)

• Eternal Inheritance (9:15)  
 • Redeemed transgressions under the first covenant (9:15)  
**= PERFECT**

**New Covenant**  
 (Jeremiah 31)

- Those who inherit salvation (1:14)
- Brethren of Christ (2:10)
- Subject over the world (2:17)



Jesus Christ: The Perfect Sacrifice

**Hebrews 1 thru 10**

**Old Covenant**

• Temporary (8:7-9)  
 • Repetitious (9:6, 25, 10:11)  
 • Obsolete (9:1-10)  
 • Inadequate (10:4)