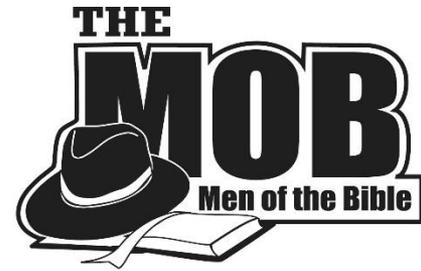




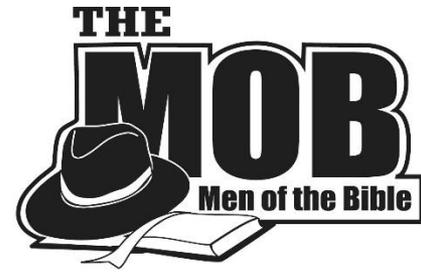
Announcements



- Welcome to the MOB! 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 4:3 (ESV)

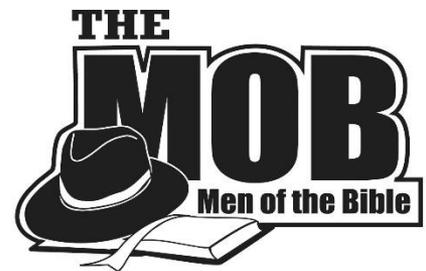
For what does the Scripture say?

“Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.”

Romans 4:3 (ESV)



Hebrews Outline

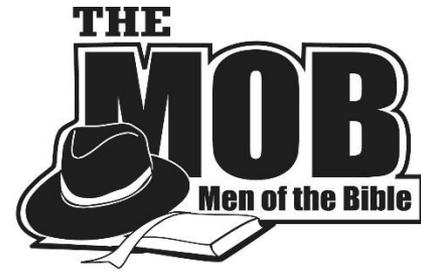


Focus	Christ's Person			Christ's Work			Walk of Faith		
Reference	1:1-3	1:4 – 2:18	3:1 – 4:13	4:14 – 7:28	8:1-13	9:1 – 10:18	10:19 – 11:40	12:1-29	13:1-25
Division	Christ Superior to the Prophets	Christ Superior to the Angels	Christ Superior to Moses	Christ's Superior Priesthood	Christ's Superior Covenant	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 unknown . Probably written around 64-68 AD								





Last Meeting



Supreme Examples of Faith: Isaac

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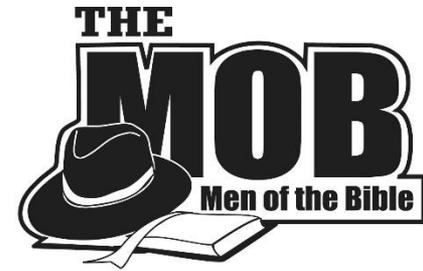
Study: [Hebrews 11:11-16](#)

[Genesis 15:1-18, 21:1-7](#)

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This Meeting



Supreme Examples of Faith: Abraham

Review: Hebrews 1 – 11:16

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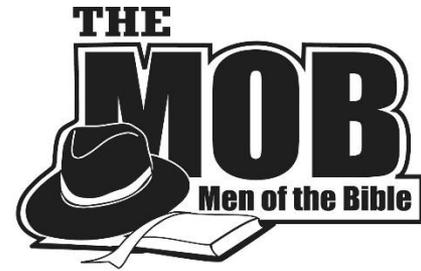
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Hebrews 11:17-19 (ESV)

Examples of Faith: Abraham

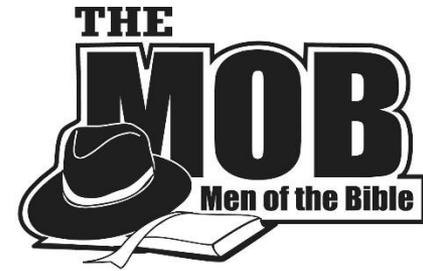


¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, ¹⁸ of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” ¹⁹ He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.



Genesis 22:1-19 (ESV)

Examples of Faith: Abraham

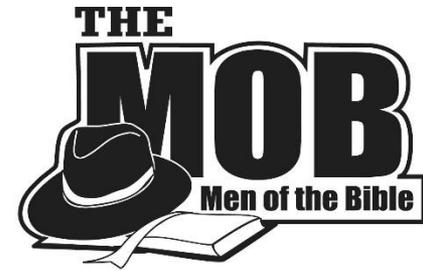


¹ After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” ² He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” ³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴ On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.”



Genesis 22:1-19 (ESV)

Examples of Faith: Abraham



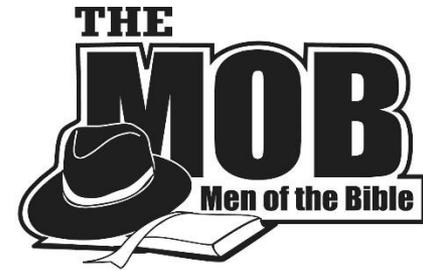
⁶ And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷ And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” ⁸ Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

⁹ When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.



Genesis 22:1-19 (ESV)

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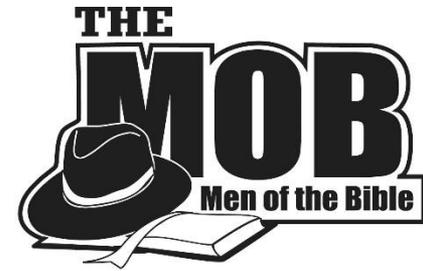


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Genesis 22:1-19 (ESV)

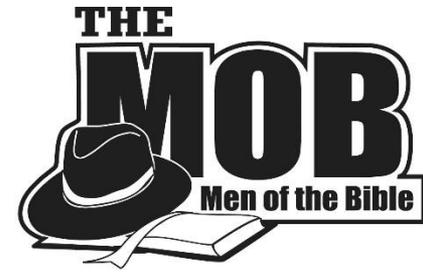
Examples of Faith: Abraham



¹⁵ And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶ and said, “By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will surely bless you, and I will surely 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, ¹⁸ and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.” ¹⁹ So Abraham returned to his young men, and they arose and went together to Beersheba. And Abraham lived at Beersheba.



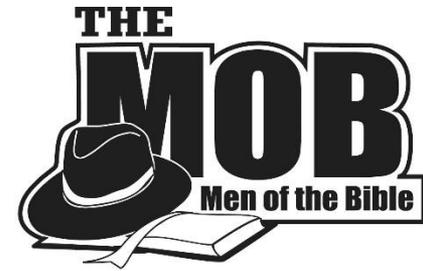
Outline for Tonight



- Faith like Abraham: A 3-day trip to Mount Moriah
- Dependence on the God who provides
- The command of the New Testament – the same God expects the same faith
- Faith means life!



Abraham's Test

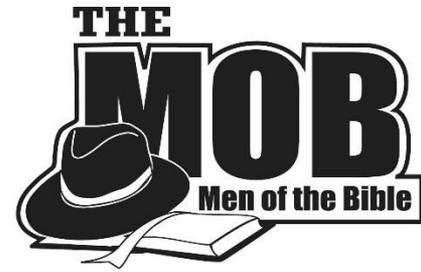


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What do you think went through Abraham's mind on the trip to Mount Moriah? Who is this God?



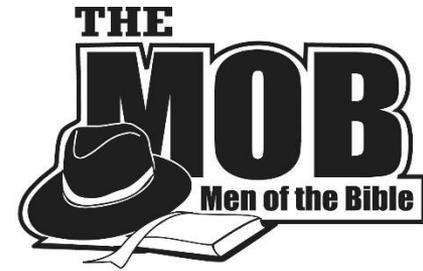
The three-day trip to Mount Moriah



- Perhaps on day 1, Abraham considered what God said
- Perhaps on day 2, Abraham considered what God did
- Perhaps on day 3, Abraham considered who God is



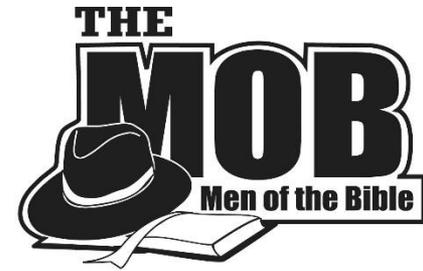
Day 1: What God Said



- God's promised blessings to Abraham (Genesis chapters 12 & 15)
 - Great nation
 - I will bless you
 - Make Abraham's name great
 - You will be a blessing
 - Bless those who bless you
 - Curse those who curse you
 - All the families of the earth shall be blessed in you
- God's three main promises to Abraham:
 - Land
 - Nation
 - Descendants
- Abraham has heard God promise a future ... *for him*



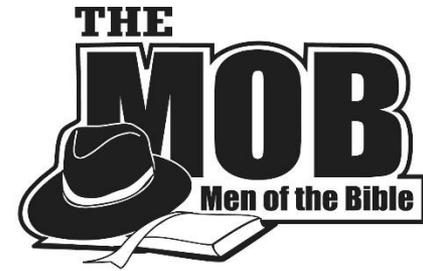
Day 2: What God Did



- Brought him and his family out of Mesopotamia
 - Saved his family from famine
 - Enabled him to organize a posse and rescue Lot
 - Brought him to Melchizedek
 - Made a covenant with him
 - Sent an angel to protect Hagar and Ishmael
 - Promised him a son through Sarah
 - Rescued Lot and family as He destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah
 - Gave him a son through Sarah
- Abraham has seen God work wonders ... *for him*



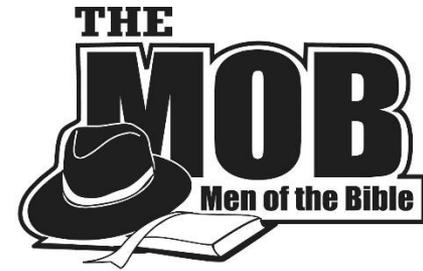
Day 3: Who God Is



- Melchizedek the priest called him
EL ELYON – God Most High ([Genesis 14:19](#))
- During the covenant, God called himself
EL SHADDAI – Almighty God ([Genesis 17:1](#))
- After the treaty with Abimelech, Abraham called him
EL OLAM – Everlasting God ([Genesis 21:33](#))
- Abraham recognizes God's greatness... ***and yet...***



On Mount Moriah



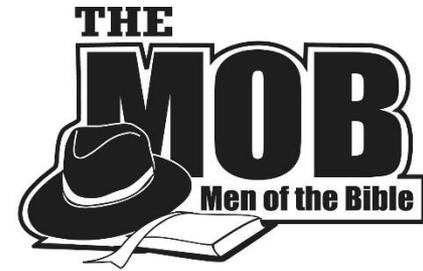
- “Abraham is being asked to demonstrate something that goes well beyond anything he has previously demonstrated.... Every other sacrifice God has asked Abraham to make was balanced by a promise that, in a sense, made it worth his while; there was something to lose, but more to gain.”
- “Here however, there is nothing to gain. No promise balances the loss. No covenant offers motivation. In fact, it is not only his son that he is putting on the sacrificial alter, it appears to be the covenant and promises as well.”

There seems to be no answer for Abraham to “What’s in it for me?”

[\(J. Walton, “Genesis: The NIV Application Commentary,” 2001\)](#)



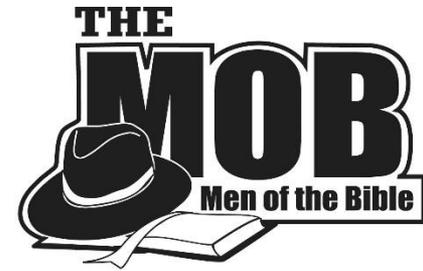
Who is this God?



- As Abraham is brought out of Mesopotamia, God begins a relationship with him. “But if the relationship is to last, Abraham requires an education; and this he receives in a series of manifestations in which ‘the god’ gradually reveals himself as GOD – not just a divinity, but as the only GOD that counts....
- “Something must, after all these years of preparation, jolt him into a recognition of **Just-Who-Is-Speaking-to-Him.**”
- “Abraham must understand that he is utterly dependent, who must cling consciously to his God, who gives and takes away beyond all understanding.... The God who called him into the wilderness and made impossible promises has begun to bring those promises to fulfillment. But this must not mean that, through this God, I can see the future and control what has not yet come to be.”
- “[No!] I control nothing. My task is to be as open to God as I am to my own child; to both I must say, ‘Here I am.’” [\(T. Cahill, “The Gifts of the Jews,” 1999\)](#)



On the Third Day

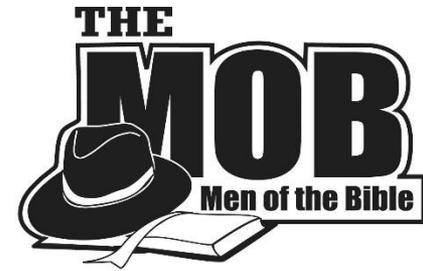


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- “The test allows the patriarch to demonstrate to himself, to Isaac, to the world, but most of all to God that his faith is not driven by what he will receive out of it, but by his commitment to God. God and God alone motivates his faith.”
- Abraham understands that the Most High, Everlasting, Almighty God is also **JIREH** – the One who Provides ([Genesis 22:14](#))

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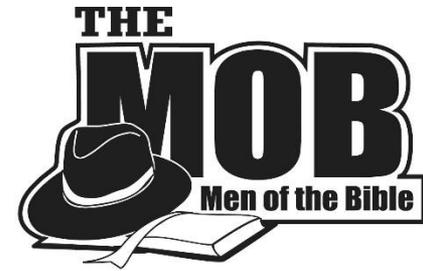
Loving God Wholly is *Still* Our Command



- ³⁷ “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.” ([Matthew 22:34-40](#))
- ³⁷ “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸ And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.” ([Matthew 10:37-38](#))
- ²⁹ “And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life.” ([Matthew 19:29](#))



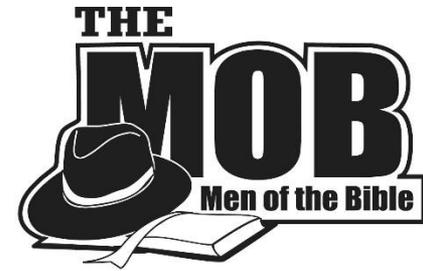
Faith is about Life from Death!



- By faith we understand... the universe was created by the word of God ([Hebrews 11:3](#))
- By faith Abraham...considered that God was able even to raise [Isaac] from the dead. ([Hebrews 11:19](#))
- That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ([Romans 4:16-17](#))
- I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ([Galatians 2:20](#))
- Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life. ([Rev 2:10](#))



Abraham's Faith



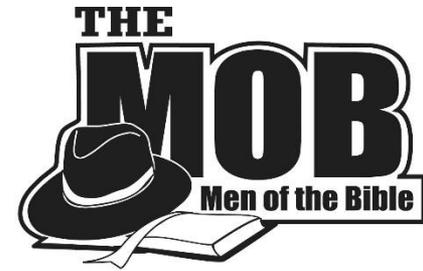
“Abraham’s faith is not only demonstrated in his willingness to obey the command, but is also evident in the confidence he shows that somehow the situation will be favorably resolved.”

- Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. (Hebrews 11:1 ESV)
- Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. (Hebrews 11:1 KJV)
- Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. (Hebrews 11:1 NIV)
- Now faith is the reality of what is hoped for, the proof of what is not seen. (Hebrews 11:1 HCSB)
- Now if we have faith, we are sure that our hopes are real, we come to know that the unseen things really do exist. (Hebrews 11:1 Translators)

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Next Meeting



Supreme Examples of Faith: Isaac & Joseph

Review: Hebrews 1 – 11:16

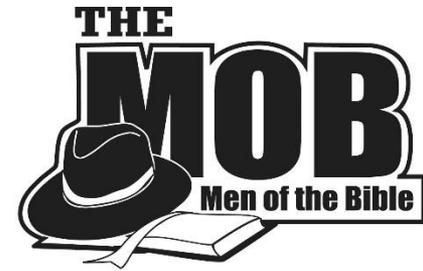
Study: [Hebrews 11:20-21](#)

[Genesis 27:26-40, 48:1-22](#)

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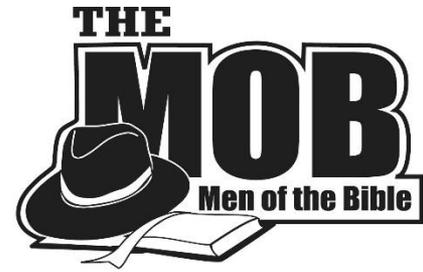
Application for Today



1. How are we like the first-century Jewish Christians needing to hear about examples of Abraham's faith? What does Hebrews 11 tell us – as twenty-first-century Gentiles – about the theme of, "Christ is better"?
2. Job's life was a catastrophe, yet he refused to curse God. "The Lord gives and the Lord takes away." How do we exhibit his attitude of, "Blessed be the name of the Lord"?
3. How does faith correspond to life (more abundantly)?
4. [C.S. Lewis](#) described faith in two senses: simple belief and accepting our own bankruptcy (inability to comprehend or meet God's standards). What does that mean for you in your relationship with EL ELYON / EL SHADDAI / EL OLAM / JIREH?



Closing



- Questions?
- Comments?
- Closing Prayer

