

ABRAHAM: 'WORSHIP OF FAITH'
Heb. 11:8-19/Gen. 12-25

WORSHIP IS A CONSCIOUS DEDICATION: Heb 11:8

"By faith Abraham when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went even though he did not know where he was going." (NIV)

Conversion: In the pagan city of Ur, Abraham accepted God's invitation.

Call: Willingly Abraham accepted God's call.

WORSHIP IS A CONSISTENT DEDICATION Heb 11:9

"By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents as did Isaac and Jacob who were heirs with him of the same promise." (NIV)

Compliance:

1. Abraham journeyed 700 miles to the north and then stopped in a city called Haran until his father died.
2. The good news is Abraham moved on and this time he didn't stop traveling until God said, *"You're home!"*

Choice:

1. Putting down and pulling up tent pegs was considered by Abraham as part of his worship.
2. No matter where he put down his tent, he built an altar.
3. His tent marked him as a **stranger** in a foreign land.
4. His altar marked him as a **citizen** of heaven.
5. Abraham **lived** his worship.

Concentration:

1. Abraham's journey to Canaan is a picture of the believer's journey on this earth.
2. Faith never stands still.

WORSHIP IS A COMPLETE DEDICATION Heb 11:11

"By faith Abraham even though he was past age - and Sarah herself was barren - was enabled to become a father, because he considered Him faithful who had made the promise" (NIV)

Commitment

1. Complete dedication always begins with total commitment.
2. Where would we be if previous generations of Christians had not given themselves fully to the Lord?
3. Where will the next generation be if we don't stand in the gap and hold the line for Christ?

Conception

1. When Abraham said *'I can't but you can'*, that's when God touched him.
2. God did the impossible.

Confidence

1. Though sexually dead, both Abraham and Sarah trusted God to keep His word.
2. God reactivated both their abilities to reproduce and from that reactivation came Isaac.

WORSHIP IS A CHECKED DEDICATION Heb 11:17-19

"By faith Abraham when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice even though God had said to him, 'It's through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned'." (NIV)

Testing always:

1. **Purifies** us. (1 Pet 1:6-9)
2. **Perfects** our character. (James 1:1-4)
3. **Protects** us from sin. (2 Cor. 12:7-10)