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## Hebrews 11:17-22

<sup>17</sup> By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was offering up his one and only son; <sup>18</sup> *it was he* to whom it was said, "IN ISAAC YOUR SEED SHALL BE CALLED." <sup>19</sup> He considered that God is able to raise *people* even from the dead, from which he also received him back as a type.

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## Hebrews 11:17-22

<sup>20</sup> By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau, even regarding things to come. <sup>21</sup> By faith Jacob, as he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, *leaning* on the top of his staff. <sup>22</sup> By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the exodus of the sons of Israel, and gave orders concerning his bones.

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## THE HALL OF FAITH

The Patriarchs

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Now faith is the reality of *things* hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. (Heb. 11:1)

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God's promise to Abraham is not fulfilled in the earthly land of Canaan, but awaits its fulfillment in the heavenly City (Heb. 11:13-16)

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## Abraham: Resurrection Faith

### 1. The Testing of Abraham's Faith

- God tested Abraham's faith for his good
- the form of God's testing was a command that seemed to nullify His promise

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*God brings testing to reveal, confirm and strengthen the faith of His children*

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### 2. The Obedience of Abraham's Faith

- Abraham's willing obedience was an expression of his trust in God and His promises ("by faith")
- his faith enabled him to obey what was otherwise humanly incomprehensible

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*Obedience is the fruit of faith in God's word*

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## Abraham: Resurrection Faith

### 3. The Object of Abraham's Faith

- he believed that God is able to raise people from the dead
- Isaac's figurative resurrection typifies the future, literal resurrection of those who live by faith

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*Q: What obedience in our lives only makes sense in light of the resurrection?*

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## Abraham: Resurrection Faith

### ➤ Foreshadows Christ's Example

- Jesus faced an unimaginable obedience in His self-offering – he obeyed in anticipation of "the joy set before Him"

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<sup>1</sup>...let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,  
<sup>2</sup> fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.  
<sup>3</sup> For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. (Hebrews 12:1-3)

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