**SERMON NOTES**

**Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus: The Superiority of Christ In All Things**

**A Sermon Series Through the Book of Hebrews**

**“By Faith: The Testing of Abraham”**

**Hebrews 11: 17-19**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and obedience are inseparable. As a believer your obedience to God and His word will not always be perfect, but true faith in God will give way to increased obedience to God in your life.**

**The key to understanding what is happening in the request from God to Abraham concerning Isaac is the word “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” used both in Genesis 22 and also 11:17-19.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at times tests His people so that their character and faith is strengthened but He never tempts anyone.**

**Testing is God’s way of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our faith in Him as He unloosens our hand’s grips off other things. It’s His way of growing our trust in Him and teaching us to continually cast our eyes toward Him.**

**The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and purpose of these testings and trials are so that they might cast us onto God, trusting Him in greater faith and deeper faith (James1: 2-4).**

**To offer up Isaac means that Abraham is offering up his present and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hope and entrusting himself yet again to God’s call.**

**The Greek “λογίζομαι” ( \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ v19)  refers to a settled conclusion by careful study and reasoning.**

**Abraham reckoned, reasoned and considered God: His faithfulness, love, goodness, character, and the surety and certainty of His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Abraham knew because he had considered that somehow and someway God was going to be faithful to His promises – even if it meant raising him from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(Hebrews 11: 19; Genesis 22:5)!**

**Abraham, by faith, believed that God would still accomplish His purposes because He was committed to them and His very character and trustworthiness were bound up in keeping them.**

**Abraham’s faith was grounded in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: His character, promise, and unchanging nature.**

**God’s promises are not based on our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of faith or ability, rather they are based on God.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ believed that God was committed to His promises and Abraham’s good – even if the circumstances of the moment screamed and shouted the very opposite.**

**Hebrews 11 is meant to spur the Hebrews and us on to deeper faith by their example but the entire point is to look at the God that Abraham trusted and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at Him.**

**The hero of this story is not the faith of Abraham but rather the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of his faith: God.**

BLANKS: Faith; tested; God; refining; goal; future; considered; promises; dead; God; strength; Abraham; marvel; object;

***“Until I Come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, and to teaching.” 1 Timothy 4: 13***

**Congregational Scripture Reading – Romans 5: 1-5**

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faithinto this grace in which we stand, and werejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.