

# A Father's Faith

*By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed ...Therefore, there was born even of one man, and him as good as dead at that, as many descendants as the stars of heaven in number, and innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore.*

Hebrews 11:8, 12

*The record of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham...*

Matthew 1:1

## From Abraham We Learn That Faithful Fathers

### 1. Hear God's Calling

*Later on God tested Abraham's faith and obedience. "Abraham!" God called. "Yes," he replied. "Here I am."*

Genesis 22:1 (NLT)

### 2. Follow God's Vision

*When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, "...I will make you the father of not just one nation, but a multitude of nations!"*

Genesis 17:1, 4 (NLT)

### 3. Receive God's Help

*Abraham bowed facedown on the ground and laughed. He said to himself, "Can a man have a child when he is a hundred years old? Can Sarah give birth to a child when she is ninety?" Then Abraham said to God, "Please let Ishmael be the son you promised."*

Genesis 17:17-18 (NCV)

### 4. Trust God's Promises

*He was too old to have children, and Sarah could not have children. It was by faith that Abraham was made able to become a father, because he trusted God to do what he had promised.*

Hebrews 11:11 (NCV)

*Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied.*

*Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you."*

Genesis 22:1-2

*Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" Abraham answered, "Yes, my son."*

*Isaac said, "We have the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb we will burn as a sacrifice?"*

*Abraham answered, "God will give us the lamb for the sacrifice, my son." So Abraham and his son went on together and came to the place God had told him about. Abraham built an altar there. He laid the wood on it and then tied up his son Isaac and laid him on the wood on the altar. Then Abraham took his knife and was about to kill his son.*

Genesis 22:7-10 (NCV)

### 5. Give God the Glory

*So Abraham named that place The LORD Provides. Even today people say, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided."*

Genesis 22:14 (NCV)

*Trust the LORD with all your heart, and don't depend on your own understanding. Remember the LORD in all you do, and he will give you success.*

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NCV)