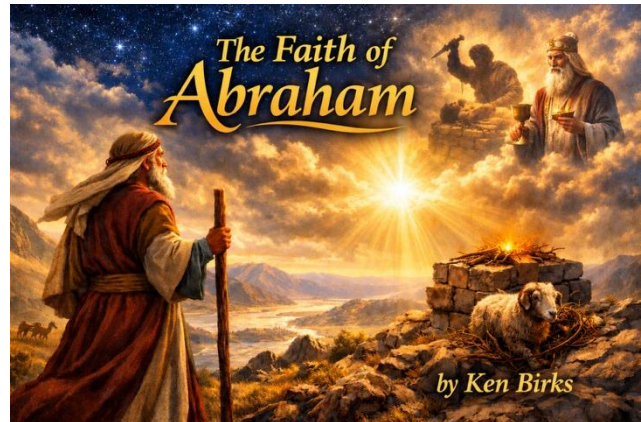


The Faith of Abraham

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As we consider all that God is calling us to rise and do in these turbulent and prophetic times, it is easy for our hearts to feel unsettled. We often view our present assignments through the lens of our past performances—what we accomplished, the limits of our strength, or memories of where we once fell short. But that is precisely where the shift must occur. In the past, we leaned on our own sufficiency; now, as kingdom-minded people, we are invited into a life that requires a different kind of courage—the faith of Abraham, the father of all who believe.



Romans 4:20-24 *He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. And therefore “it was accounted to him for righteousness.” Now it was not written for his sake alone that it was imputed to him, but also for us. It shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead.*

Abraham refused to measure his future by his past. He refused to interpret God’s calling through human limitations. Instead, he anchored his entire life in the unshakable reality of God’s promise. The Scripture above tells us he became fully convinced that God could do everything He had spoken. That same Spirit-breathed conviction is what God is awakening in us now. He is calling us to rise—not in self-confidence, but in God-confidence; not in human strength, but in divine sufficiency; not in fear of what we lack, but in faith toward what He has promised. God has promised all believers in Christ all things that pertain to life and godliness, when we seek first His kingdom.¹

This is our moment to step forward with Abraham’s kind of faith—bold, expectant, surrendered, and fully persuaded that God will act on our behalf. If we are to develop our faith according to the father of our faith, Abraham, we need to discover

¹ 2 Peter 1:3 & Matthew 6:33

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what it was that caused him to have such extraordinary faith. First, we discover that God sought him out and invited him into his sovereign purposes for humanity. He was told he would become the father of many nations.

Genesis 12:1-3 *“Now the LORD had said to Abram: “Get out of your country, from your family and from your father’s house to a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”*

When we look at the above account of Abraham’s call, we witness something breathtaking: God Himself steps into Abram’s world and calls him out of the familiar into the unfolding landscape of His eternal purposes. Abraham did not seek God—God sought Abram, inviting him into a story far larger than his own. In the same way, Jesus has stood at the door of each of our lives, calling us to come and dine with Him,² to join Him in His purposes for this generation.³

Secondly, God begins by revealing His plan for Abraham—yet He makes it clear that this plan will unfold progressively. Abraham will not receive the entire map at once; he will receive revelation as he walks, step by step, moment by moment. His journey begins with one decisive act: obedience to God's voice. That is where faith is born—both for Abraham and for us.

Paul affirms this to the Romans when he declares that *“faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.”*⁴ Abram’s faith was not rooted in self-confidence but in a God-spoken word that awakened courage within him. As Abraham embraced the progressive nature of walking by faith, he opened himself to ongoing revelation, divine direction, and the unfolding of God’s purposes for his life. This is precisely what Paul means when he writes, *“For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, ‘The just shall live by faith.’”*

Our journey, like Abraham’s, is a continual movement from one level of faith to the next—from hearing to obeying, from obeying to trusting, from trusting to stepping into the greater purposes of God. Abraham’s story becomes our pattern: God calls, we hear, we obey, and as we walk, God reveals more. This is the rhythm of kingdom

² Revelation 3:20

³ 2 Timothy 1:9

⁴ Romans 10:17

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life—a progressive unveiling of divine purpose as we respond to His voice with courageous faith.

Thirdly, Abraham's journey with God was marked by continual confirmation. As he stepped forward in obedience, God repeatedly reaffirmed the promise He had spoken—making it unmistakably clear that the covenant would come through his son Isaac. One of the most profound confirmations came after Abraham rescued his nephew Lot. On his return, he was met by Melchizedek, king of Salem, who blessed him with these powerful words: *“Blessed be Abram of God Most High, possessor of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand.”* In that moment, Abraham received a divine reminder that his victories were not the result of human strength but of God's sovereign hand.

This is exactly how God desires to work in our lives today. His communication is intentional, personal, and progressive—but we must stay attuned to His voice, His movements, and the ways He gets our attention. The Holy Spirit's work in us is never static; it unfolds layer by layer, moment by moment, as we walk with Him.

If we truly desire to grow from faith to faith, we must learn to recognize the unique ways He speaks to us—through Scripture, His whisper, circumstances, prophetic confirmation, and the inner witness of His Spirit. As we tune our hearts to His voice, we open ourselves to the same progressive guidance Abraham experienced, allowing God to shape our steps, strengthen our confidence, and align us with His unfolding purposes. Walking with God is not a one-time decision; it is a continual posture of listening, responding, and moving forward in faith.

Fourthly, there comes a moment in every believer's life when the rubber meets the road—when faith is no longer theoretical, when the promises of God must be trusted in the face of impossible circumstances. For Abraham, that moment arrived in the greatest trial of his life. God had already revealed to him that the covenant promise would come through his son Isaac. Abraham had walked long enough with God to know His voice, His character, and His faithfulness. Yet now God commands him to take Isaac—the very son through whom the promise would be fulfilled—and offer him as a sacrifice.

Here we discover the final key to establishing Abraham's faith in our own lives. Abraham did not merely believe silently; he believed out loud. His faith was vocal, active, and prophetic. As Paul writes to the Corinthians, *“I believed, and therefore I spoke.”* That is the essence of the spirit of faith—faith that speaks what God has said even when circumstances contradict it.

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Paul continues, *“We also believe and therefore speak.”* Abraham embodied this truth as he journeyed toward the place of sacrifice. He told his servants, *“The lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you.”* In other words, Abraham spoke resurrection faith before resurrection ever occurred. He declared the outcome before he saw it. This is not hyper-faith as some teach. Abraham simply aligned his words with God’s promise, not with the visible situation before him.

This is the kind of faith God is calling us into—a faith that hears God’s promise, holds God’s promise, and speaks God’s promise even when the test intensifies. A faith that refuses to interpret God’s command as the cancellation of His promise. A faith that knows God cannot contradict Himself. A faith that believes God will provide, God will intervene, God will make a way, and God will fulfill every word He has spoken.

As Abraham walked toward the mountain of sacrifice, his faith became visible. When Isaac grew suspicious and asked, *“Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?”* Abraham did not panic, hesitate, or retreat. He answered with the boldness of a man anchored in divine promise: *“My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering.”* In that moment, Abraham was prophetically confessing according to the promise God had spoken over his life. He declared provision before seeing provision, spoke fulfillment before witnessing fulfillment, and aligned his words with the God who cannot lie.⁵

Then, full of unwavering faith, Abraham raised the knife to strike Isaac—only to be stopped by the voice of God in mid-air. At that very moment, Abraham lifted his eyes and saw a ram caught in a thicket. The provision he had spoken by faith was now standing before him in plain sight. What he had declared in confidence, God had performed in power. As a result of Abraham’s obedience and standing in faith regardless of the circumstances, God confirmed His covenant with Abraham when He said, *“In your seed all the nations shall be blessed, because you obeyed My voice.”*⁶ This is the spirit of faith—believing, speaking, and walking forward until God’s promises become God’s performance.

As we stand in these turbulent and prophetic times, Abraham’s story calls us into a higher dimension of trust—a faith that does not flinch at the impossible, a faith that refuses to bow to past failures, a faith that anchors itself in the God who seeks us,

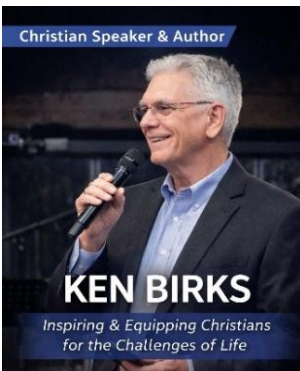
⁵ Genesis 22:5-18

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speaks to us, leads us, confirms His word, and performs His promise. Like Abraham, we are invited into a journey where God progressively reveals His purposes, strengthens us continually, and tests us lovingly—not to break us, but to prove us. And as we walk, listen, obey, and speak His promises, we too become fully convinced that what He has promised, He is also able to perform. This is the life of those who live from faith to faith—a life marked by divine calling, courageous obedience, Spirit-breathed conviction, and supernatural provision. May we rise in this same spirit of faith, boldly stepping into God’s unfolding purposes for our generation, confident that every promise He has spoken will become the very performance of His power.

About Ken Birks



Ken Birks has walked with God through seasons of quiet wonder, deep refining, and unexpected grace — journeys that have shaped both his faith and voice. From early moments of sensing God’s nearness to years of learning to listen more closely, Ken has discovered that the Lord often speaks in whispers, rhythms, and poetic impressions.

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Today, Ken writes to help fellow believers pause, breathe, and rediscover the treasures God longs to place within them. Ken’s hope is simple: that every reader will feel the Father’s nearness, hear His voice more clearly, and walk with renewed courage into the calling He has lovingly prepared.

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