

## Faith –

- Taking God at His word, living as if what God says is true
- Taking God at His character, living as if God is who He said He is

## Always expressed –

- Sometimes outward expression; doing what God says; can look dramatic and involves risk
- Sometimes inward expression; waiting for God to do what He said He would so; can look like business as usual and involves trust
- Sometimes looks like intercession; praying for others based on who we know God to be

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# DEDICATION

Independence is great obstacle to life of faith –

- Help cultivate heart of faith
  - Remembrance – recalling who God is/what He has done in the past shapes our approach to the present/future
  - Worship – shapes our heart
- Beware taking matters into our hands, especially in times of waiting
  - Discern our hearts - why are tempted to ‘help’ God?
  - Ask for permission

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Test – opportunity to discover and  
demonstrate quality of faith usually in  
midst of difficult circumstances

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Our faith will be tested

- Tests the Israelites in the desert -  
Ex15.25, 16.4, 20.20, Dt 8.2, 8.16, 13.3
- Tests Israelites in Promised Land -  
Judges 2.22, 3.1, 3.4
- Tests Hezekiah – 2Chr 32.31

Testing us/our faith is rooted in God's  
character – He is Good Father as He tests us

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What did God learn about Abraham?

- Abraham fears God – lives life out of a deep reverence/profound respect for the Lord
- The degree of our fear of God is directly correlated to the holiness of our lives.

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