

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 do; can look like business as usual and involves trust
- Sometimes looks like intercession; praying for others based on who we know God to be

TWENTY-ONE DAYS OF

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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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