

# *TRUST & OBEY:*

ABRAHAM

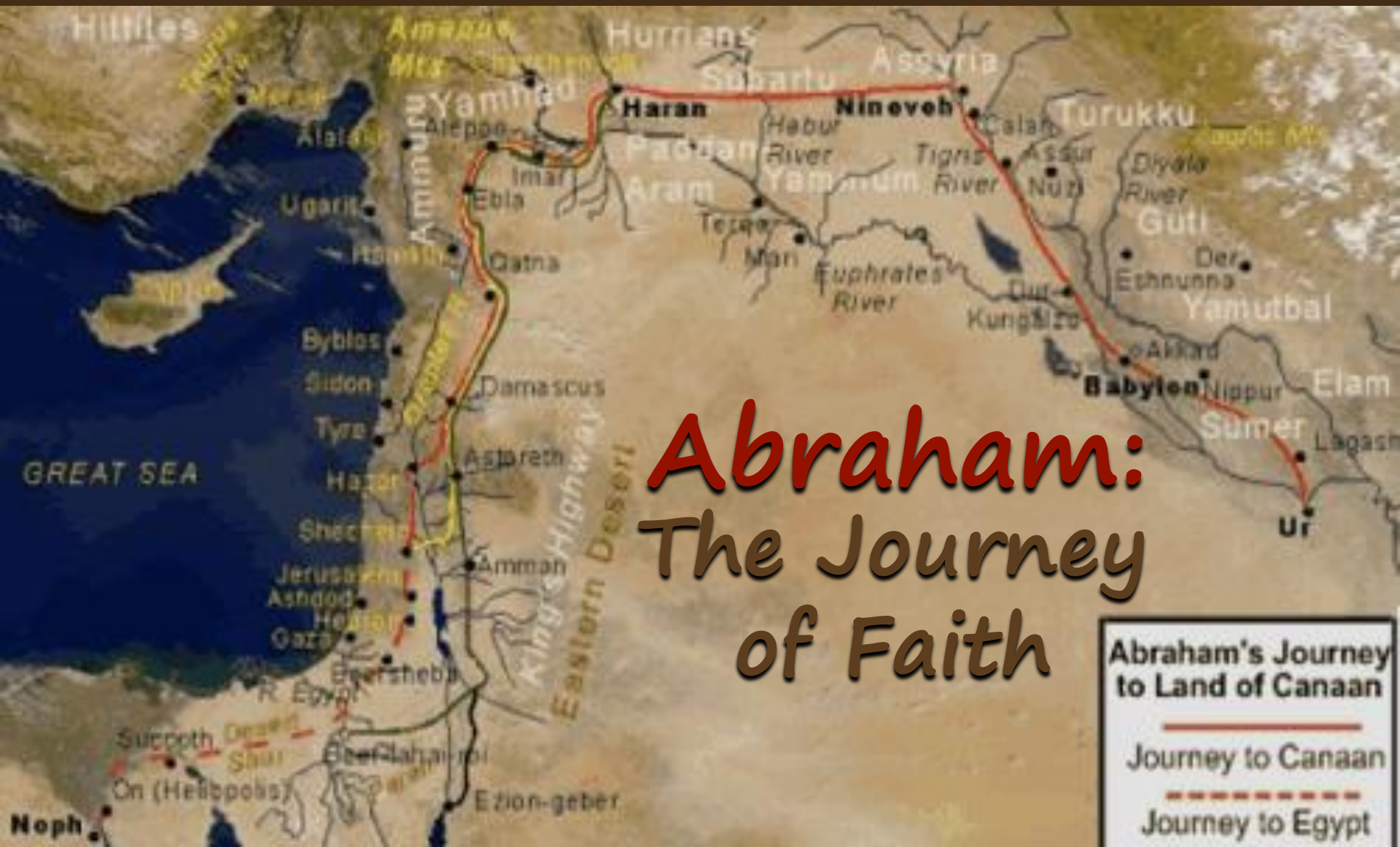
*Hebrews 11:8-19*



# Hebrews 11:8-10

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; <sup>10</sup> for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

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## Abraham: The Journey of Faith

Abraham's Journey  
to Land of Canaan

— Journey to Canaan

- - - Journey to Egypt

# Faith Is Journey at God's Direction

- Our life of faith is to be like that of Abraham, going at God's direction
  - *Psalm 23* Must accept our place as His sheep
  - *Psalm 73* The earthly journey of one led by faith
  - *Romans 10:17* Faith comes by hearing God's word
- Journey of faith brings us to the places He chooses to use us, not where we desire to go



# Hebrews 11:11-12

<sup>11</sup> By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup> Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born as many as the stars of the sky in multitude — innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore.

# Romans 4:19-21

<sup>19</sup> And not being weak in faith, he [*Abraham*] did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. <sup>20</sup> He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, <sup>21</sup> and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.

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*Abraham:  
The Steadfastness  
of Faith*



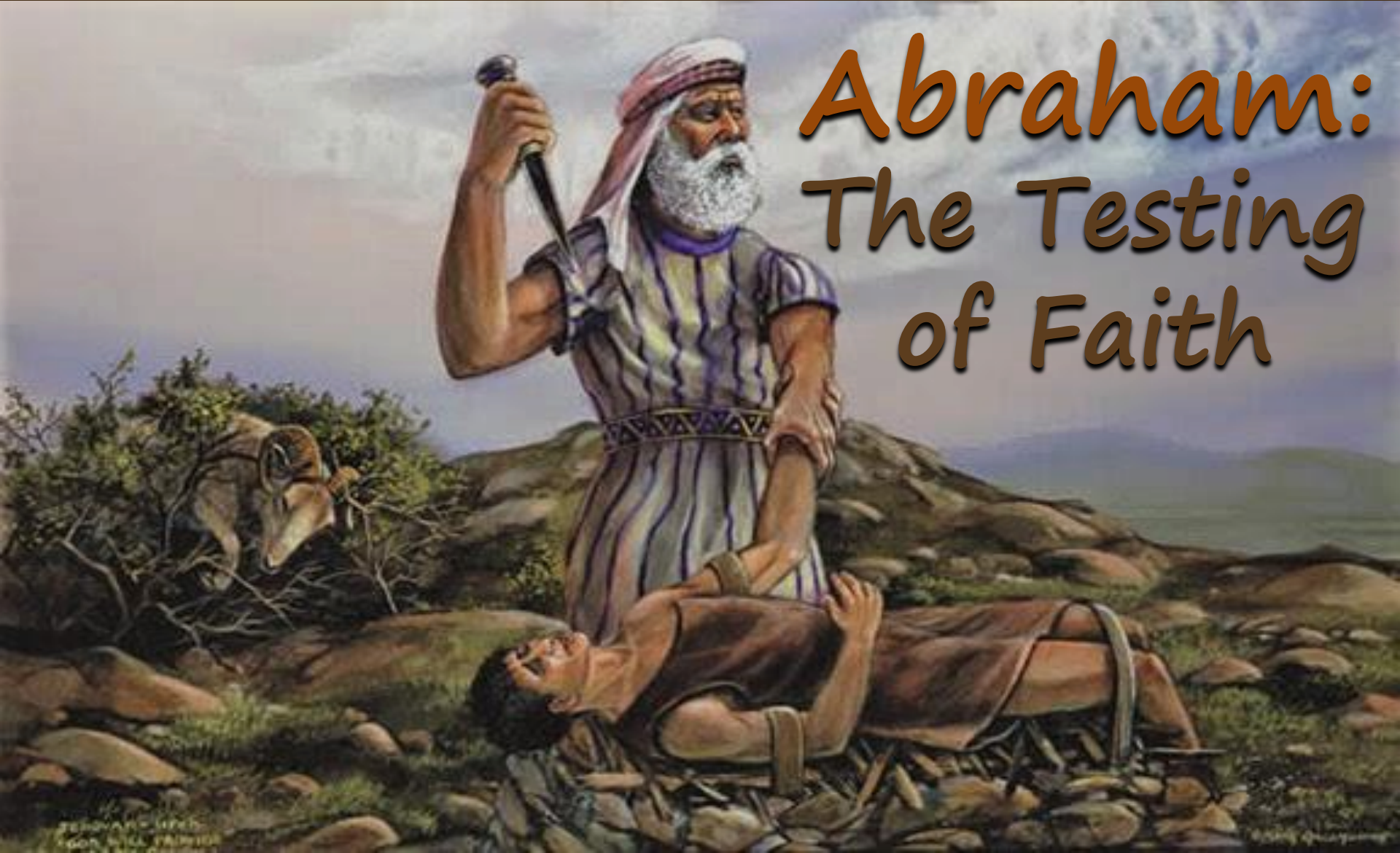
# Faith Must Not Waver in Doubts

- Doubt is the enemy of faith
  - *Mark 9:17-27* “Lord, I believe, help my unbelief”
- Faith must be developed to produce assurance
  - *2 Timothy 1:12-13* Paul knew One believed
  - *Hebrews 6:13-20* Immutability of God is basis
- Full faith does not waver at doubt, but holds to the evidence that undergirds our faith



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## *Abraham: The Testing of Faith*



# Hebrews 11:17-19

<sup>17</sup> By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, <sup>18</sup> of whom it was said, “In Isaac your seed shall be called,” <sup>19</sup> concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.

# Faith Is Tested to Strengthen

- The testing of faith is intended to purify & strengthen, not to destroy faith
  - *James 1:2-4* Testing of faith produces patience
  - *1 Peter 1:6-9* Genuine of faith tried like gold in fire
  - *1 Peter 4:12-19* Trials are opportunities, not strange
- Faith seeks the solution that harmonizes truth, not the questioning that sets it aside



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*Abraham:  
The Expectation  
of Faith*



# Hebrews 11:13-16

<sup>13</sup> These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

<sup>14</sup> For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland. <sup>15</sup> And truly if they had called to mind that country from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.



# Faith Expectantly Looks to Reward

- Full faith embraces the promises of God as though already present
  - *2 Peter 3:11-13* According to promise, we look
  - *1 Peter 1:3-5* A living hope reserved in heaven
  - *Hebrews 10:32-39* Promise sure, but after obeying
- Faith looks to reward that is unseen & unknown, but is absolutely certain of its reality
- Am I so sure of heaven that I truly embrace it?

*LEARNING TO  
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*FROM*  
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