



HOW REAL IS YOUR FAITH?

How do you know you are a real believer? The life of Abraham illustrates four ways God tests our faith -- to see if it's real or not. You'll face these same tests in your lifetime. Abraham was a real believer.

"(Abraham) ... he is the father of all who believe." - Romans 4:11

"Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness." - Genesis 15:6

I. Test #1: _____

*"By faith, Abraham when he was called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went even though he did not know where he was going."
- Hebrews 11:8*

For Study: Genesis 12:1-7

* A believer will _____ without knowing _____

II. Test #2: _____

"By faith, Abraham made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country and he lived in tents as did Isaac and Jacob who were heirs with him of the same promise." - Hebrews 11:9-10

For Study: Genesis 13 & 14

* A believer will _____ without knowing _____

III. Test #3: _____

*"By faith, Abraham, even though he was past age, and Sarah herself was barren, was enabled to become a father because he considered Him faithful who had made the promise. And so... from this one man and he as good as dead came his descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sands on the seashore."
- Hebrews 11:11-12*

For Study: Genesis 17:15-22, 18: 1-15, 21: 1- 6

* A believer will _____ without knowing _____

IV. Test #4: _____

"By faith, Abraham, when God tested him... offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had received the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son. Even though God had said to him, 'It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned'. Abraham reasoned that God could raise the dead, and figuratively speaking, he did receive Isaac back from death." - Hebrews 11:17-19

For Study: Genesis 22:1-19

* A believer will _____ without knowing _____

Which of these tests are you experiencing right now?

How do you rate as a believer?

"Lord, I believe. Help me with my belief!" - Mark 9:24