

## “Faith and Obedience”

For the week of September 3 - September 9, 2017

### Main Thought:

The Bible teaches that there is a direct relationship between faith (what we believe) and obedience (what we do). Both must work together for our faith to be genuine and powerful. As we are faithful to obey God, He is faithful to provide us with what we need. A powerful example of this is the story of Abraham. He was faithful and willing to offer his son, Isaac, on the altar. As Abraham focused on obeying God by taking his son Isaac up one side of the mountain, God was faithfully providing a ram on the other side so that Isaac could be spared. This is a powerful picture of the gospel that God Himself provided the sacrifice for our salvation, His son Jesus. This also shows us that as God was faithful to provide for Abraham's needs, God will be faithful to provide salvation and provision for us as we trust and obey Him.

### Main Passages:

*“What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them?...<sup>18</sup>But someone will say, ‘You have faith; I have deeds.’ Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds...<sup>20</sup>You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? <sup>21</sup>Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? <sup>22</sup>You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. <sup>23</sup>And the scripture was fulfilled that says, ‘Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness,’ and he was called God’s friend. <sup>24</sup>You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone...<sup>26</sup>As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.”*

(James 2:14, 18, 20-24, 26)

*“So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ <sup>32</sup>For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. <sup>33</sup>But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” (Matthew 6:31-33)*

### Reflection:

- What stands out to you from the main thought and main passages? What stands out to you about the relationship between faith and obedience?

### Application:

- When have you seen God come through for you when you remained faithful to obey Him?
- What area of your life are you challenged to obey God right now? What can you do to remain faithful and obedient to God?

### For Prayer:

- Pray for one another to remain faithful and obey God in the current area of struggle.

### Communications:

Discipleship Summit - Our annual summit is where we gather those who lead Grace Groups for a moment of encouragement, impartation, and equipping on discipleship. We have two pockets to choose from:

- Saturday, September 16, from 9:00am - 11:30am
- Monday, September 25, from 7:00pm - 9:30pm

The Summit is mandatory for group leaders and apprentices. Register at [pearlside.org](http://pearlside.org) or on our Pearlside App.

