

**Sermon Quotes**  
**August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006**  
**Study of Hebrews- Faith Hall Of Fame- Abraham and Isaac**

Faith believes the accomplishment of the promise, whatever reason and sense may say to the contrary; it cuts the knot by a resolute dependence upon the power and fidelity of God. Faith casts down carnal imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against God, and brings into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

—A.W. Pink

"The desire of God's heart is to bring us to the place where we will never again doubt His character and His nature. This is the place in life where God's word becomes so absolutely secured in our heart that we will walk forward into empty blackness—even when there seems no immediate divine presence or momentary direction for our steps. It is a place where we come to know God's word will never fail us, nor will His presence ever leave us...When Abraham led Isaac up that mountain, he became an instrument in the hands of the Almighty to reveal the very picture of what God Himself intended to do—to work redemptively, and to deliver marvelously! But it never would have taken place if Abraham had not come to the place where he believed God's nature and presence so completely that he **followed** on in God's will even when he didn't understand God's way."

—Jack Hayford

"Had he been weak in faith, he would have doubted whether two revelations, apparently inconsistent, could come from the same God, or, if they did, whether such a God ought to be trusted and obeyed. But being strong in faith, he **reasoned** in this way: This is plainly God's command, I have satisfactory evidence of that; and therefore it ought to be immediately and implicitly obeyed. I know Him to be perfectly wise and righteous, and what He commands must be right. Obedience to this command does indeed seem to throw obstacles in the way of the fulfillment of a number of promises which God has made to me. I am quite sure that God has made those promises; I am quite sure that He will perform them. How He is to perform them, I cannot tell. That is His province, not mine. It is His to promise, and mine to believe; His to command, and mine to obey"

—John Brown

Let us from this day so believe in God that we shall never ask a question about consequences whenever we have a conviction of duty. May we never pause to ask whether this shall make us rich or poor, honorable, or despised—whether this will bring us peace or bring us anguish—but onward, right onward, as though God had shot us from the eternal bow, let us go right on in the full conviction that if there is temporary darkness it must end in everlasting light! If there is present loss, it must end in eternal gain! Let us set to our seal that God is true, that the rewards are to the righteous and true peace to the obedient! Let us believe that in the end it must be our highest gain to serve God though that service should, for the present, bring with it dire loss!

—C.H. Spurgeon

**Romans 8:31-39 (ESV)**

"What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? **32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?** **33** Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. **34** Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who

died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? 36 As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;  
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”