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Week 5 Reflection

On my final project, Hebrew 11 is the passage that drew my attention. I believe in this season of my life requires faith. Often time, it is hard to have faith in difficult seasons. In this passage, the writer encourages readers to put faith in action, what it means to have faith, and to obtain life. This season requires me to focus on God's word, be reassured by his word, and look beyond the situation. This passage spoke about Abraham's faith being tested as he was ordered to offer up his son Isaac as a sacrifice. As the reader, this is a test that I will personally struggle with even with God's reassurance. However, The Lord reassure Abraham that it was through Isaac that the promise will be fulfilled. Sometimes it takes crazy faith to break the cycle and the season. Despite it being Abraham's only child that he wanted for so long he was determined to do what God commanded him to do. What inspired me the most is regardless of the requirement asked of Abraham, he held on to God's promises and his word.

My final project will be done as a reflective essay on what is faith, the interpretation of Hebrew 11, and how I planned on applying it in my personal life. It makes sense to do it this way to give the reader an understanding of what faith is, how it is seen in the scripture and how it can be applied. Everyone has a different perspective of what faith is. In fact, faith begins and can be seen in many ways. However, I want to draw attention to the faith that can be used as a tool in a still and uncomfortable place. Faith is such a simple word but it can be quite effective in our life.

At the beginning of the paper, my focus will be on what is faith. Faith is rooted in a place where you can draw courage for every significant change in one's life. Last year, I was living in New York away from my family for seven years. I became stuck and was unable to make any progress. I took a leap of faith and moved to Pennsylvania unsure of what the outcome will be. I had doubts and fears but it was a faith journey. A journey where I walked blindly. In Hebrew 11, the writer encouraged us to put our faith in action despite how things appear to be. Here in this passage, Abraham offered up his son Isaac as a sacrifice and was determined to do so. When I left New York I knew God had a plan and his promise to grant the desire of my heart. When Abraham offered up Isaac, he knew God had a plan and he trusted God's word. Even though I moved to Pennsylvania, I was still unsure. How can faith bring reassurance during a challenging time? By relying on supporting evidence. By faith, Abraham lived in the land God promised. Due to Noah's faith, he prepared the ark for the flood. Through Enoch's faith, he was taken away by God instead of facing death. This type of communion shows that God is pleased with him. In moments of crisis, they all acted on faith. Faith can be life-changing yet so challenging however it shows perseverance and resilience on our journey- called life.