



HEBREWS

STEADFAST FAITH IN OUR SUPERIOR SAVIOR

Abraham: Faith that Passes the Test | Hebrews 11:17-19

MAIN POINT



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The Taking of a Test (11:17-19; Gen. 22)



APPLICATION



By faith, keep trusting the
good promises of God.

Your greatest need has already received
perfect provision

*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?*

Romans 8:32

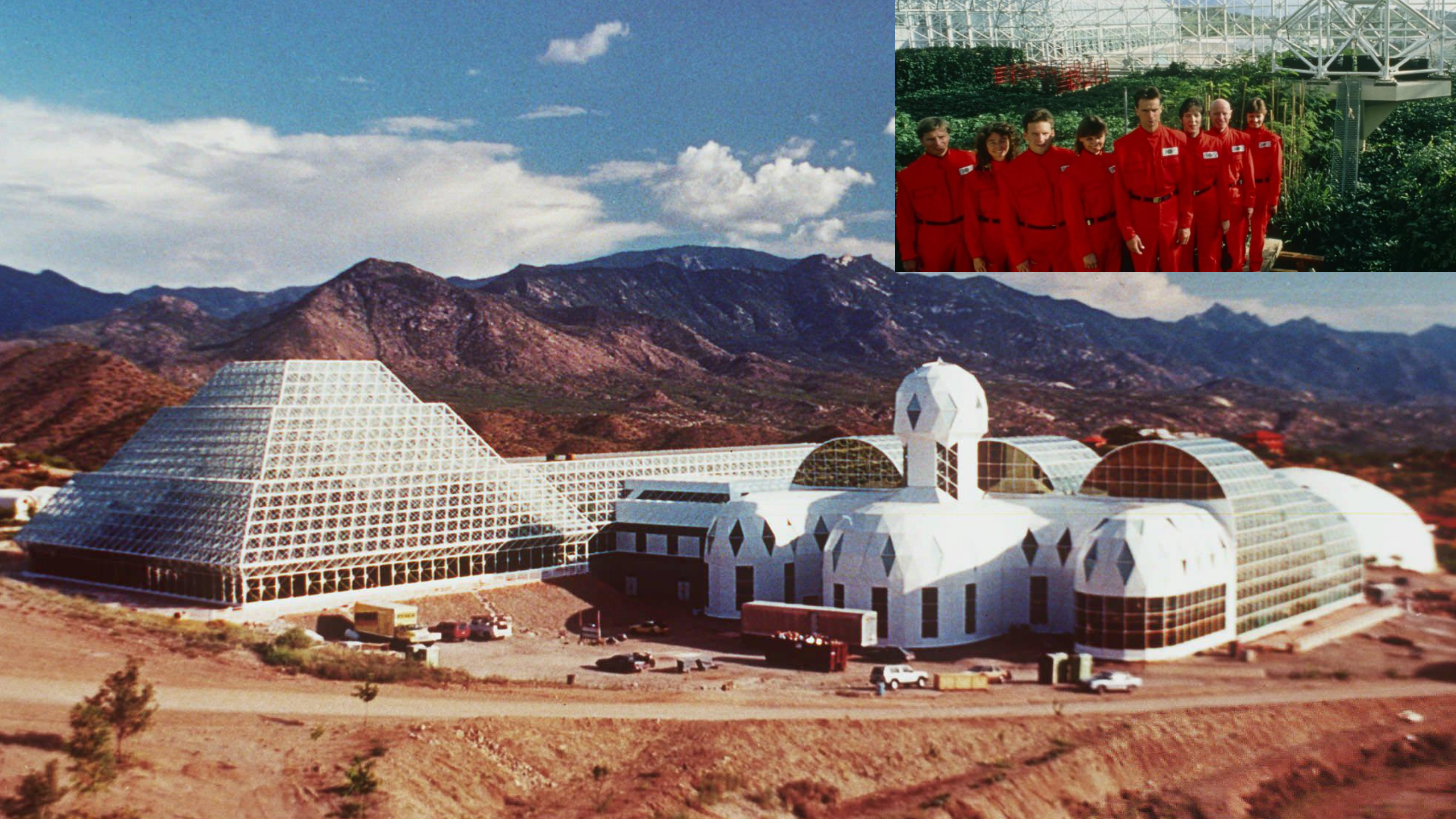


Your faith will grow more steadfast
through testing

² Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³ for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ⁴ And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

James 1:2-4







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WORKING IN US THAT WHICH IS PLEASING
IN HIS SIGHT, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, TO
WHOM BE GLORY FOREVER & EVER.”

HEBREWS 13:20-21

— Today's Sermon ————— 7-20-25 —

“Abraham: Faith That Passes the Test”

Hebrews 11:17-19 – *Pastor Scott Gnuse*

Main point: Abraham reminds us that the testing of our faith is necessary to prove our trust in God.

A Test in the Making (Heb. 11:11-12; Gen. 17:1-21)

A Test for the Taking (Heb. 11:17-19; Genesis 22:1-19)

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Growing Deeper

1. What stands out to you about Abraham's faith in this story? Why is the testing our faith necessary if God already knows the true condition of our heart?
2. Read Job 23:10 and James 1:2-4. In what way(s) has your faith been tested? How did you seek to hold fast to the promises of God throughout that trial? Do you believe that your faith is stronger and more steadfast as a result? Why or why not?
3. Are you ever tempted to doubt that you will receive the good things that God has promised? Like Abraham, how can you set your mind on what is true? What do you need to believe about God in these moments?
4. Read Romans 8:32-40. According to this passage, how has God provided for Christians today? How should we think about our daily needs in light of God's greatest provision?

Heart Preparation: Prepare your heart for worship on 07/27 by reading Hebrews 11:20-22 and Genesis 50:15-26.

Family Discipleship: As a family, watch the short (3 minute) video from the Biggest Story on Genesis 21-22. It can be found at <https://www.thebiggeststory.com/videos/> (Story 9, "It's a Boy!"). After watching this video, discuss what stood out to you about Abraham's faith. If Isaac was God's promised son to Abraham, why then would God call Abraham to sacrifice Isaac? You can also talk about the hardest test you have ever taken in school. Why would this test be even harder? Why is it a good thing for our faith in God to be tested? Conclude your discussion by utilizing the prayer guide at the end of the video.

Prayer Prompt: My gracious Father, thank You for being a God who provides. You have not withheld your greatest provision – Jesus Christ – for my greatest need – forgiveness from sin. Help me to trust You whenever my faith is tested, knowing that You have my greatest good in mind. Amen!