



Introduction:

Endurance can be built—not in comfort, but in challenge. Not overnight, but over time. Not in our own strength, but by trusting the One who never lets go. We weren't built to break. We were Built Different.

Scripture:

By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced 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 even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death.

— Hebrews 11:17–19

Discussion Questions:

1. What was your favorite fairy tale growing up?
2. What is your favorite short cut? When has a short cut been helpful? When has a short cut not been worth it?
3. When has walking in faith meant you had to wait? What was it like? How patient were you in the waiting? Did God ultimately fulfill the promise?
4. When have you wanted to skip the hard parts or the waiting? What did going through those experiences teach you?
5. God has promises for our lives: healing, growth, abundance. How have you experienced these in your life so far? How are you waiting for those promises right now?
6. What are you hoping for the future? Are you willing to wait for God to move, or are you actively looking for short cuts?