**Churches-In-Homes   Week Beginning 03/01/2021**

**Notices:**

**Happy New Year!**

* **Separate Church-in-the-home meetings resume this week.**
* **Next Corporate Communion Service: Sunday, January 10, 10.00 – 10.30am**

**Church YouTube channel**

If you subscribe to King’s Church St Paul’s Cray YouTube channel, with the option to receive notifications, you will be alerted when a new resource is uploaded.

The link below will take you to the Church YouTube channel.

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<https://youtu.be/wuoCvxnFnlA>

**Course: Faith in action**

There are so many Biblical examples of men and women who demonstrated faith in God in their day to day lives. Our aim is to use aspects of the lives of some of them to encourage ourselves to demonstrate our faith in God in specific ways such as – persevering prayer, obedience, endurance, resilience, servant leadership and effective use of the gifts of the Holy Spirit to bless others.

**Title:** Faithful obedience - Abraham

**Main points:**

Abraham was described as the father of those who demonstrate faith in God.

**Galatians 3:7-9**

Abraham was described as the man of faith, not merely because of what he said, but because of his actions by which he demonstrated his faith in God. **James 2:14-24**

1: He obeyed God and left everything he was familiar with and was certain of, into the unknown. Anyone who always chooses to cling with what is certain and familiar will not be able to obey God in this manner. (*Genesis 12:1-4)*

2. Abraham and Lot – Lot chose by sight, Abraham relied on God’s promises. He was proved right on all counts. (*Genesis 13)*

3. Abraham passed the ultimate test and was prepared to sacrifice the thing more precious to him than anything else – his son Isaac – in obedience to God. **Hebrews 11:17-19**

He not only received Isaac back but became the father of all of us who have on-going faith in God and show it by our complete willingness to obey God in everything.

Our reward will also be very great, some of them temporal and certainly for all eternity.

**Discussion points:**

Insight gained

Practical application