

The Fiery God:

The Olah

The perceived problem of faith:
The more you grow in faith, the
more God expects from you.

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Hebrews 11: 17 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, 18 even though God had said to him, “It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.”

Genesis 22: After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.”

2 He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt

Genesis 22: offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.” 3 So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him.

Genesis 22: 4 On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away.

5 Then Abraham said to his young men,
“Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.”

Genesis 22: 6 Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. And the two of them walked on together. 7 Isaac said to his father Abraham, “Father!”

And he said, “Here I am, my son.”

Genesis 22: He said, “The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” 8 Abraham said, “God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them walked on together.

Genesis 22: 10 Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. 11 But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!”

And he said, “Here I am.”

Genesis 22: 12 He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.”

God asks Abraham to sacrifice
Isaac as a whole burnt
offering: the Olah.

God would never allow
Abraham to do

that which He finds detestable.

The three “Here I am’s”
of Christian Faith.

The “Here I am” of knowing
faith must grow.

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Matthew 13: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. 32 Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet **when it grows**, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.”

Genesis 22: 3 Early the next morning
Abraham got up...

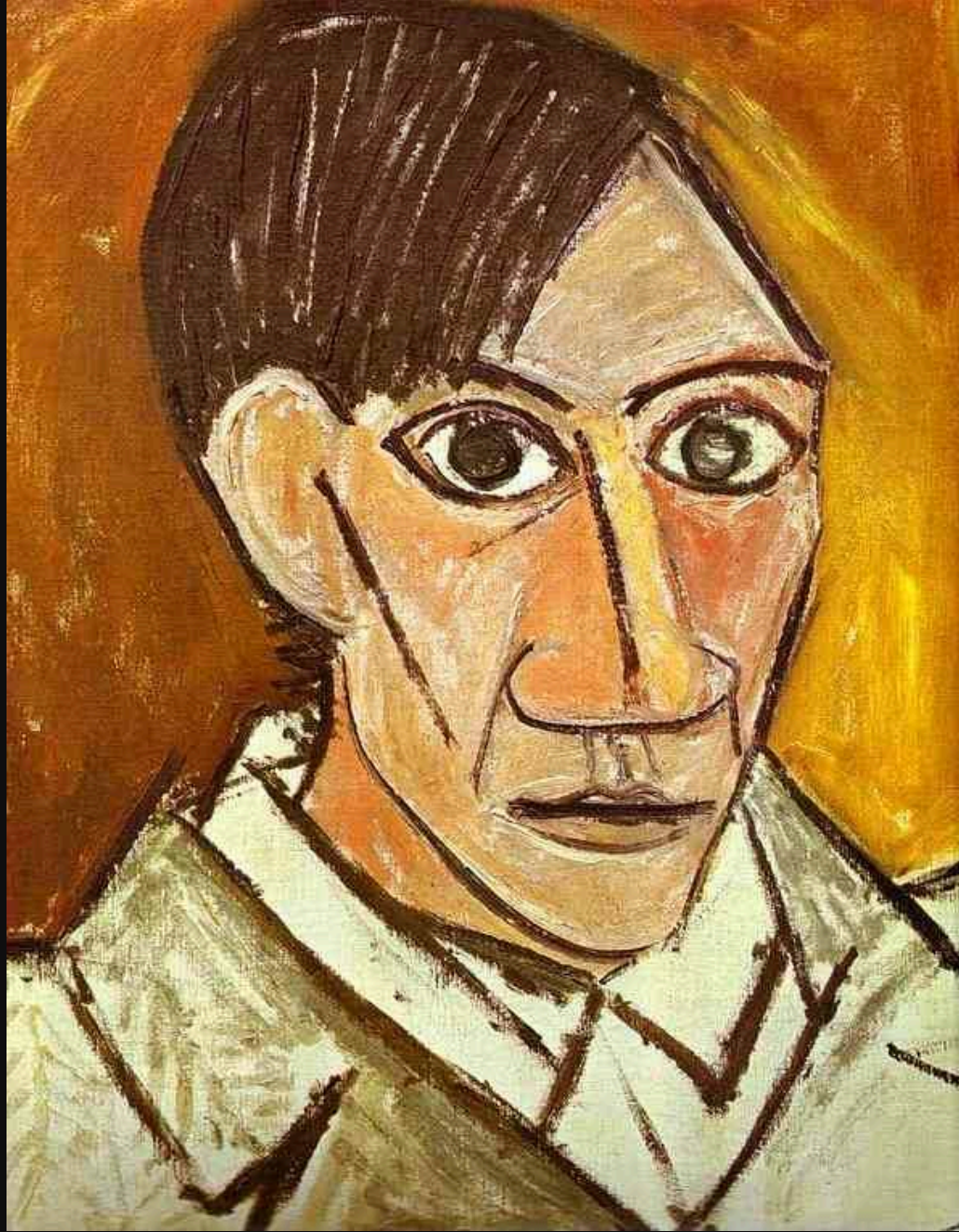
Faith is not belief.

Even demons believe (Jms 2:19)

Belief is a foundation.

Faith is what's built upon belief,
but not all at once.

Picasso's Earliest Works



Cezanne's Seated Woman



1 Corinthians 12: 8 To one there is given
through the Spirit a message of wisdom... 9
to another faith by the same Spirit...

Some have the spiritual gift of
faith.

Abraham was not one of them.

Abraham had to learn
to trust the story.

The “Here I am”
of being present with God.

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Genesis 22: 14 So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will **provide (sees)**”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

To be seen by God
is to be redeemed by God.

Luke 22: 60 Peter replied, “Man, I don’t know what you’re talking about!” Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. 61 The Lord **turned and looked** straight at Peter.

When we hide from God,
it stunts our faith.

The “Here I am”
of being present with others.

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GENESIS 21–22

“Early the next morning...” (21:14a)

“Early the next morning...” (22:3)

Abraham sets supplies on Hagar’s shoulders (21:14b)

Abraham sets supplies on Isaac’s shoulders (22:6)

Hagar puts boy under “brush” (21:15)

Abraham puts boy on/over “brush” (22:9)

Hagar looks up to see a well (21:19)

Abraham looks up to see a ram (22:13)

Hagar story ends with a covenant (21:22–34)

Abraham story ends with a covenant (22:15–19)

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His great faith allowed him to be present with God AND Isaac.

Matthew 22: 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second **is like it:**
'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

If you trust God has it figured
out on the mountain top,
then let everything below be
“Here I am”.

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