

Ultimate Test (Genesis 22)

Abraham: Hearing God's Call – Part 10

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James 1:2-4 (ESV) Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

1 Peter 1:6-7 (ESV) In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 11:17-19 (ESV) By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

1. God gives the _____

Genesis 22:1-2 (ESV) After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." 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 offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."

1A. _____ triumphs over fear

Genesis 22:3, 5 (ESV) So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ... Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you."

1B. Believe that God will _____

Genesis 22:6-8 (ESV) And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

2. God's tests are passed by _____

Genesis 22:9-10 (ESV) When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son.

2A. God is in _____

Genesis 22:11-12 (ESV) But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me."

2B. God _____ provides

Genesis 22:13-14 (ESV) And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

3. Obedience brings _____

Genesis 22:15-16 (ESV) And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son,

3A. _____ are fulfilled

Genesis 22:17 (ESV) I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies,

3B. You are _____ to be a blessing

Genesis 22:18 (ESV) and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

Action Plan for This Week

Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading & prayer.
 Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

Invite a friend for our message series **New Life** next Sunday.

How will I obey God's Word this week? _____

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Intro. What is the purpose of the trials and testing of our faith (James 1:2-4)? How should we respond to God's tests?

What does a faith test tell about our faith according to 1 Peter 1:6-7?

What did Abraham believe about God that enabled him to offer up Isaac as a sacrifice (Hebrews 11:17-19)?

1A. Why was God's test of Abraham so difficult (Genesis 22:1-2)? Think of the human, moral and spiritual levels.

1B. How do you see Abraham's faith demonstrated in his preparation for the trip (Genesis 22:3,5)?

1C. What do you think was in Abraham's mind when he told Isaac "God will provide" (Genesis 22:6-8)?

1D. What was God's test really testing with Abraham? How does God test us today with a similar purpose?

2A. Why do you think Isaac readily submitted to his father (Genesis 22:9-10)?

2B. What do the angel's words tell us about God's purpose in the test (Genesis 22:11-12)?

2C. How does Genesis 22:13-14 tell us the God had prepared in advance for Abraham to pass the test?

2D. In what ways are Abraham and Isaac a type of God the Father and Jesus? What promise does God give us in the midst of testing (1 Corinthians 10:13)? How does that promise apply to our lives today?

3A. Why must faith be expressed in action (Genesis 22:15-16, James 2:21-23)?

3B. What were the conditions of God's promises to Abraham (Genesis 22:17)?

3C. What was the ultimate purpose of God blessing Abraham (Genesis 22:18, Galatians 3:7-9)?

3D. How does God want you to share your blessing from Him?