

- To _____ us for _____ (2 Corinthians 1:3-4).

LESSON # 2: Our _____ should be to _____ & _____ God (22:3-10).

- An _____ Obedience (22:3-10).

GENESIS 22:3-10: “Early the next morning Abraham got up and saddled his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. ⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. ⁵ He said to his servants, “Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you.” ⁶ Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, ⁷ Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, “Father?” “Yes, my son?” Abraham replied. “The fire and wood are here,” Isaac said, “but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?” ⁸ Abraham answered, “God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them went on together. ⁹ When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.”

Abraham’s Growing Trust

Genesis 12-20
(Age 75-99)

- **PROMISES** of a child, land, blessings.
 - **PROBLEM** of barren wife
- How did Abraham handle the conflict between the promises and the problem?*

TESTS & FAILURE TO TRUST

- Gen 12-13 Leaving Father’s Household.
- Gen 12 Trip to Egypt
- Gen 12 Lief Deception
- Gen 16 Hagar

Gen 21
Age 100

GENESIS 21 ISAAC BORN & PROMISE KEPT

Genesis 22
(Age 100+)

- **PROMISE** of a child fulfilled by God.
 - **PROBLEM** of God’s test to sacrifice son.
- How did Abraham handle the conflict between the promise and the problem?*

THE BIG TEST

How would Abraham handle this test? Would he fail to trust God as in the past?

- An _____ Trust/Faith (22:5-8).

FAITH STATEMENT #1:

GENESIS 22:5: “He said to his servants, “Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you.”

FAITH STATEMENT #2:

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

HEBREWS 11:17-19: “By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had received 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.” ¹⁹ Abraham reasoned that God could raise the dead, and figuratively speaking, he did receive Isaac back from death.

LESSON # 3: Our _____ Comes from God (22:11-12).

GENESIS 22:11-12: “But the angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied. ¹² “Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.”

DEUTERONOMY 8:2: “Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the desert these forty years, to humble you and to test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands.”

LESSON # 4: Our _____ Comes from God (22:13-19).

- God _____ A Way Out (22:13-14).

➤ **God's _____ Are Restated (22:15-19)**

FINAL THOUGHTS

Is your faith being tested? Are you going through a trial that causes you to doubt God and lack trust? If so, then consider Abraham who trusted God even when life didn't always make sense and his faith was severely tried. In the end, God made his way clear and promised him blessing.

SMALL GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

PRAYER & QUESTIONS:

1. Take time to review the message from Sunday. What lessons impacted you the most? What did you personally take home and implement into your life?
2. Take time to review the entire story of Abraham from Genesis 12-22. What insights have you gleaned from the study of his life that helps you to live your life?
3. Why is it important to understand Genesis 22 in the context of the entire story of Abraham?
4. In light of Genesis 22, how does God want us to view our trials and difficulties? Does this challenge, encourage or frustrate you?
5. Are all trials & tests from God? Is there a difference between the trials and troubles in our lives that are *self-inflicted* and the trials & tests that God brings into our lives for our good and his glory? What's the difference between a test/trial and a temptation (See James 1:3-13)?
6. What do you think was going through Sarah's mind during this time? Why are we told nothing of how Sarah felt?
7. How old was Isaac in Genesis 22? What do you think about his response to his father's field trip?
8. Take time to contrast the story of Abraham's offering of Isaac in Genesis 22 and the Father's offering of the Son on the cross. Draw as many parallels between the two from the text in Genesis 22.

HEROES OF THE FAITH: Lessons From the Lives of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob & Joseph
Today's Message: "Trusting God When Your Faith is Tested" Genesis 22
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INTRODUCTION:

LESSON # 1: Our _____ will be _____ by God (22:1-2)

GENESIS 22:1-2: "Some time later *God tested Abraham*. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. ² *Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about."*

TRUTHS ABOUT ABRAHAM'S TEST

- It was an _____ test (22:1-2).
- It was his _____ test (12-22).
- It was a test and not a _____ (Ja. 1:13-15).
- It was a _____ test (12-22).

GOD'S PURPOSES IN TESTING

- To _____ what's in our _____ (Deuteronomy 8:2-3).
- To _____ our faith genuine (1 Peter 1:6-7).
- To _____ our faith (Job 23:10).
- To develop _____ and _____ (James 1:2-4).