

## **Trusting God the Whole Way! (part 2)**

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### **Scripture: Genesis 22:1-19**

Last week we learned how Abraham offered up Isaac, his son, as a sacrifice. This Old Testament story is a picture which *foreshadows* the cross of Jesus in the New Testament (John 3:16). In the Bible, there are people who desperately sought God, depended upon His provision and held onto God with confident faith.

#### ***We learned last week Isaac was...***

- ...Abraham's "unique, irreplaceable son" (Vs. 2).
- ...the "son of promise" - given to Abraham and Sarah (Genesis 15 & 17) who would establish the everlasting covenant with Israel.

#### **Questions:**

- 1) If God asked you to surrender the most important part of your life, would you obey?
- 2) What one area do you cherish the most and cannot give up?
- 3) Will you trust Jesus with it *completely*?

**Complete Trust:** People can have Jesus in their lives, but not have Jesus be *the center* of their lives.

**Hebrews 11:1** – "(1) Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."

## **Trusting God the Whole Way (Genesis 22)**

**1) Abraham's Testing (Vs. 1)** - "(1) Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' 'Here I am,' he replied.

**2) Abraham's Call (Vs. 2)** - "(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."

**3) Abraham's Obedience (Vv. 3-4)** - "(3) Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded 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."

**4) Abraham's Faith Before the sacrifice (Vv. 5-8)** - "(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.**' ... "(7) Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, 'Father?' 'Yes, my son?' Abraham replied. 'The fire and the 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."

**5) Abraham's Faith During the sacrifice (Vv. 9-12)** - "(9) ...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) **He reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.** (11) 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.**"

**6) God's Reward after the test (Vv. 13-14)** – "(13) Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. (14) So Abraham called that place **The Lord Will Provide**. And to this day it is said, 'On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided.'"

**Lessons from Abraham's Faith...**

- Abraham trusted God ahead of his son, Isaac.
- Abraham's faith gave him total, confident peace. knowing God would provide
- Abraham passed "the test" (Vs. 1).

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- 1) What, today, is God asking you to give back to Him?**
- 2) What is God calling you to lay down in Lordship at His feet?**
- 3) Where do you need God's Provision? "Lord, I need You to show up!"**