

Text: Genesis 22:1-19
Topics: Faith, Fear, Sin, Relationships
Series: Genesis: The Beginning of His-tory

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God's Transforming Faith Process!

1-2 God tests you,

James 1:2-3 – "Consider"

The lesson: Embrace that God tests you to grow your faith in him.

3-10 You obey God,

Philippians 2:12-13 (ESV) – "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling"

The Lesson: Embrace that you need to obey God to have deeper faith in him.

11-14 God provides,

Philippians 4:19 (ESV)

The lesson: Embrace that God provides for you at the right moment to live by faith in him.

15-19 and God blesses.

1 Peter 1:6-7 (NIV84) – Your faith, of greater worth than gold may be proved genuine...

The Lesson: Embrace that God will bless you to continue to live by faith in him.

Application

"God, I accept the troubles sin has caused me, and embrace the tests you've created to grow my faith, and at just the right moments provide and bless me, so I can look back and say, 'Wow, look what You have done in my life. You are growing me up!'"

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Application Questions - These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group for even more benefit.

1. Getting familiar with the text.

- What major test did God ask Abraham to complete in Genesis 22:1-2?
- Name the key points in Genesis 22:3-10 that showed Abraham was very eager to obey.
- What did God say and do (see Genesis 22:11-14) when he saw that Abraham had sincerely obeyed him?
- What promises did God reaffirm with Abraham after he proved his willingness to obey him? (See Genesis 22:14-19)

2. Getting familiar with the test.

- Why would God give Abraham a test like this, when only a few centuries later he etched in stone, "Do not murder?"
- How might what God said, "Abraham sacrifice your only son," be a reason for this test, when Abraham clearly had another son?
- What might the phrase, "now I know you fear God," Genesis 22:12 explain the key reason why God waited until the last excruciating moment before he stopped Abraham from plunging a knife into his son?

3. Application Questions

- According to James 1:2-3, what is God's intended outcome and our needed response to tests?
- When we fear failing God, explain how Paul's words, "work out your salvation with fear and trembling, Philippians 2:1-13 can help.
- Give two reasons, one from Philippians 4:19, and one reason from 1 Peter 1:6-7, as to why we should not hesitate to trust God's growth process when he tests us?
- Since God test us to mature our faith, what part of today's lesson do you need to consider applying?