

Open It

How has your faith been tested? What were the circumstances?

Consider It

What makes Abraham's obedience to God's command unimaginably difficult (22:1-2)?

- Genesis 12:2-3
- Genesis 15:1-6
- Genesis 17:1, 15-19
- Genesis 21:1-7

What might your thoughts or feelings be if you were Abraham?

What do we learn about Abraham's faith from his words and deeds (22:3-10)?

What were Abraham's thoughts (Hebrews 11:17-19)?

When and how does God intervene (22:11-12)?

What did Abraham's obedience demonstrate (22:12)?

What circumstances or events has God used to test your faith?

How might one's love for children, parents, home, or other things prevent people from obeying the call of Christ?

Live It

What beliefs need to be corrected by the teaching here?

What promise of God do you need to trust?

What does obedience require of you?

The Advent of the Lamb of God
"A Test of Faith"
Genesis 22:1-19
Sunday, December 1, 2019

Sometime later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. ² Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you."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. 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. 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."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."¹⁵ The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time ¹⁶ and said, "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, ¹⁸ and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."

Genesis 22:1–18 (NIV)

Sermon Proposition

You should Trust and Obey God when Tested for Four Reasons.

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