

The Faith Journey:
Lessons from the Life of
Abraham
Part 10

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Genesis 22

1. The Test

Genesis 22:1-2

Three reasons God tested
Abraham's faith, and what we
can learn:

1. Abraham's faith was tested
to confirm it

James 2:21:

“Was not Abraham our father
justified by works when he
offered up his son Isaac on the
altar?”

2. Abraham's faith was tested to prove that he didn't place more trust in Isaac than God.

3. Abraham's faith was tested
to bring him to spiritual
maturity

2. The Problem

Genesis 22:3-8

Exodus 13:2:

“Dedicate to Me every firstborn among the Israelites. The first offspring to be born of both humans and animals belongs to Me.”

Genesis 22:29:

“The firstborn of your sons you shall give to Me.”

Genesis 22:5:

“I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.”
 (“I and the boy will return.”)

Verse 12:

“God will provide for Himself a lamb for the burnt offering.”

3. The Answer

Genesis 22:9-14

Hebrews 11:17-19:

“It was by faith that Abraham offered Isaac as a sacrifice when God was testing him. Abraham, who had received God’s promises, was ready to sacrifice his only son, Isaac, even though God had told him, ‘Isaac is the son through whom your descendants will be counted.’ Abraham reasoned that if Isaac died, God was able to bring him back to life again. And in a sense, Abraham did receive his son back from the dead.”

John 1:29:

“Behold the Lamb of God Who
takes away the sin of the
world.”

Romans 8:32:

“He who did not spare His own
Son but delivered Him up for us
all...”

John 3:16:

“God so loved the world He gave
His only Son so that whoever
believes in Him will never perish
but have eternal life.”

Four timeless truths from Genesis 22:

1. Gifts must never take the
place of the Giver.

2. The things that we cling to,
God often asks us to release.

Corrie Ten Boom:

“Hold everything in your hands
lightly; otherwise, it hurts when
God pries your fingers open.”

Genesis 22:15-18

Corrie Ten Boom:

“When we stop clinging to the blessings in our lives, our hands are open to receive God’s greater blessings.”

4. Hang on to promises, not explanations.