

START HERE #23: GENESIS 22:1-19 LAY IT ON THE ALTAR

ABRAHAM LOVED GOD WORSHIPED HIM - Not Casual Worshiper (like so many Christians): altars, righteousness, prayed, believed God, GAVE POSSESS

- **The biggest test yet to come – ONE THAT HE NEVER COULD HAVE IMAG**

God: Take your only son whom you love more than anything. The fulfillment of the promise that I have given to you and the hope of the promise to be fulfilled. Slay him and burn his body as a sacrifice to me, to ensure that you love me more than your son, more than the promises that I have given to you, more than anything.

- **Our Isaacs can become our idols – our blessings can become abominations**

MP: To be worshipers of God we must be willing to put on the altar what we love to ensure that we love Him the most.

The point is that our love for God is greater than all other things. **Hierarchy of loves**

Luke 14:26 “If anyone comes to Me and does not hate (love less) his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple.

Salvation is a gift but truly following Christ will cost you everything.

ABRAHAM TESTED - WHY WOULD GOD DO THIS?

Common practice heathen nations sacrificing children – **GOD KNEW STEP IN...**

- **Why in sense of objection (how) > privilege – What is man that you are mindful**
 - o **Way of God with His children**

The purpose of testing isn't proof it's the process of growing through refining. Perfecting. Tests don't reveal to God what He doesn't see, they reveal to us what we don't see.

Areas devoted, sins repented, idols abandoned, faith strengthened – NEVER STOPS

1 Peter 1:7 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

TRAJECTORY OF ABRAHAM'S VICTORY

PREPARED: prepared for this moment because of prior obedience

RESPONDS RIGHT: – **Call - Response – Command – Obedience/Faith/Worship**

- **PROMPT OBEDIENCE:** Hardly prompt - When God calls us to do the hard things

Denial (wasn't God, that's not for me), anger (how could HE!!) bargaining (maybe He will accept something else), depression (what will my life be w/o this),

Our faith is not really tested until God asks us to bear what seems unbearable, do what seems unreasonable, and expect what seems impossible.

- **STRUGGLED CHOSE OB. – FAITH CONCL.** judgment/decision settles a matter
 - o **GOD WILL DO IT – HE PROMISED / HE WILL PROVIDE “say it”**

Hebrews 11:17 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, ¹⁸ of whom it was said, “In Isaac your seed shall be called,” ¹⁹ **concluding** that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.

- Make the faith conclusion and stop the spinning – TURNS IT INTO WORSH

WORSHIPS: Because of the determination He made in His heart:

- If we are obedient on the outside but miserable faithless inside - – **WORSHIP?**

Obedience is better than disobedience, but worship is the best of all, because worship is not only action it is also attitude.

Because HE CHOSE TO TRUST GOD, HIS PROMISE AND HIS POWER. Because He was unwilling to hold anything back from God this act of obedience and faith became worship.

- **God may not call uTHIS – IF YOU'RE HIS HE'S CALLING YOU TO LAY DOWN SOMETHING.... EASY LAY DOWN YOUR LIFE – don't squabble anymore**

If He doesn't have everything it won't be easy for you to lay down anything.

Romans 12:1-2 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ESV

CHRIST DISPLAYED

ABRAHAM COULD HAVE HARDLY IMAGINED – LAYING THE GROUNDWORK

- **The Lord HAS PROVIDED – JESUS IS HIS PROVISION FOR US**

Abraham's Only Son	God's Only Son Jn. 3:16
Isaac was son Loved by the Father	Jesus was son Loved by His Father Jn. 3:35 The father loves the Son and has given all things...
Abraham was willing to sacrifice Son	Father sacrificed his son Rm. 8:31-32
Abraham and Isaac went together	The Father and Christ went together
Isaac offered on Mt. Moriah	Jesus was crucified on Mt. Moriah Jn. 19:17
Isaac carried the wood of the altar	Jesus carried the wood of the cross Jn. 19:17
Isaac was laid on the altar	Jesus was nailed to the cross Jn. 19:18
Isaac submitted to Abraham	Jesus submitted to the Father Mark 14:36
Isaac was silent	Jesus opened not his mouth Is. 53:7
God will provided a lamb	God did provide a Lamb Jn. 1:29