

Genesis 22:1-2 (NLT)

[1] Some time later, God tested Abraham's faith. "Abraham!" God called. "Yes," he replied. "Here I am." [2] "Take your son, your only son - yes, Isaac, whom you love so much - and go to the land of Moriah. Go and sacrifice him as a burnt offering on one of the mountains, which I will show you."

Genesis 22:3-4 (NLT)

The next morning Abraham got up early. He saddled his donkey and took two of his servants with him, along with his son, Isaac. Then he chopped wood for a fire for a burnt offering and set out for the place God had told him about.

[4] On the third day of their journey, Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance.

Genesis 22:5-6 (NLT)

“Stay here with the donkey,” Abraham told the servants. “The boy and I will travel a little farther. We will worship there, and then we will come right back.” [6] So Abraham placed the wood for the burnt offering on Isaac’s shoulders, while he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them walked on together,

Genesis 22:7-8 (NLT)

Isaac turned to Abraham and said, “Father?” “Yes, my son?” Abraham replied. “We have the fire and the wood,” the boy said, “but where is the sheep for the burnt offering?” [8] “God will provide a sheep for the burnt offering, my son,” Abraham answered. And they both walked on together.

God WILL Provide !

Genesis 22:1-19

God's **PURPOSE** was to Show...

- Abraham's Remarkable **FAITH**
- the **SUBSTITUTIONARY** Nature of Sacrifices
- the **OATH** that God swore **GUARANTEED** the Promises

Three **COMMANDS** vs. 2

- **TAKE** - your son
- **GO** - to Moriah
- **OFFER** - your son as a burnt offering

God TESTS us to...

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➤ PURIFY our Faith

1 Peter 1:6-7 (NIV) ...now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in **ALL KINDS** of trials. These have come **SO THAT your FAITH - of greater worth than gold ...may be proved genuine** and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

God TESTS us to...

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➤ PERFECT our Character

James 1:34 (NIV) ...you know that the testing of your faith **DEVELOPS perseverance.** Perseverance must finish its work **SO THAT** you may be **MATURE and COMPLETE,** not lacking anything

God TESTS us to...

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➤ PROTECT us from Sin

2 Corinthians 12:7 (NIV) **To keep me FROM becoming CONCEITED** because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me.

Abraham's **GROWING FAITH...**

- **ACT** of Obedience and Faith
- a **STATEMENT** of Faith
- a **PROPHETIC** statement
- a **HOPE** and **PRAYER**

To **FEAR** God means to...

Reverence Him as sovereign,

Trust Him absolutely, and

Obey him without question. BKC

Abraham was only able to tie Isaac down to the altar **because Isaac was willing to be tied down.**

And why was Isaac willing?

Because of his father's FAITH in the God of the impossible...

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This was a SWORN GUARANTEE
of innumerable descendants, the
capture of land, and blessing on
Abraham and, **through him, on ALL**
the nations of the world.

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God's severe testing in our lives is not merely meant to test and prove our faith, but also to give us a chance, through our obedience, **to test and prove HIS FAITHFULNESS!**

And God always passes the test.

There is always a ram in the thicket!