

#1 Stay TRUE in the TEST

Genesis 22:1-14 **ESV** After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ²He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."

Are we serving God because of what He has to OFFER: OR b/c of WHO HE IS

³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.

#2 SEE Past my Current CONCERN

⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you."

Discipline is Choosing b/t what you want NOW & what you want MOST

Romans 4:17-18 **NLT** ¹⁷That is what the Scriptures mean when God told him, "I have made you the father of many nations." This happened because Abraham believed in the God who brings the dead back to life and who creates new things out of nothing. ¹⁸Even when there was no reason for hope, Abraham kept hoping—believing that he would become the father of many nations. For **God had said** to him, "That's how many descendants you will have!"

Abraham Had to LOOK past what He SAW & Remember what God SAID!

#3 CARRY our own CROSS

⁶And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"

Rev 5:12 **ESV** ¹²... "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

#4 BELIEVE Beyond Our Own SIGHT

Genesis 22:8 ⁸Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together. ⁹When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.

#5 OBEY BEYOND BELIEF

¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son.

¹¹But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ¹²He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called the name of that place, "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

GOD doesn't NEED our SACRIFICE; He REQUIRES our SURRENDER

We don't just GIVE an Offering; We are the OFFERING