

Genesis 22:1-19
Series – Stories from the Beginning
Message – The Binding of Isaac
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Tests

- Does God test us as his children, as his followers and believers?
 - Psalm 11:5
 - Job 23:10
 - James 1:2-3 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

Binding of Isaac

- God _____ Abraham
 - “Because you said so, I will do it.”
 - “The fire and wood are here,” Isaac said, “but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?”
 - “God himself will _____ the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.”
 - Now I know that you fear God because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.
 - to "fear God" means to have such great respect and reverence for the Lord's power and righteousness that you obey Him _____ all others.
 - So Abraham called that place The LORD _____.

- Hebrews 11: ¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, ¹⁸ even though God had said to him, “It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.” ¹⁹ Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death.

Passing the Test

- Abraham and Isaac are a foreshadowing of what God accomplishes in Jesus as the one final sacrifice for us all. Abraham _____ the test as does _____.
 - We have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.
 - But God, in his infinite love for us, sent his son as an atoning _____ for us all.

Pop Quiz

- Who do you say, I am?
 - You are the Christ, the Son of the living God!

How will you respond to God's word today?

Reflection Questions

1. What is your level of test anxiety?
2. What tests of faith have you experienced in your life? What did you learn from those experiences?
3. How has God provided for you in your faith experience?
4. How would you answer Jesus's question to Peter and his disciples? Who do you say, I am?
5. What captured your attention in the scripture or message?
6. What might God be saying to you?
7. What are you going to do about it?