

True & Better – Isaac

Genesis 22

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God is faithful. God provides. God saves.

Genesis 22 is Abraham's final exam.

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."

Some tests Abe did well. Some tests he failed miserably.

God tests, but God's test seems illogical.

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."

God wants Abraham's only begotten son.

Then Solomon began to build the house of the Lord in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah. (2 Chronicles 3:1)

The place where Jesus was crucified was the place where Isaac would be taken.

Abraham trusts in God's faithfulness.

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. ⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar.

God tests our faithfulness by asking us to surrender to him the best we have.

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." [we will return]

Abraham knows and trusts in the faithfulness of God.

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.

Verse 6 is a powerful picture of Calvary.

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?"

Provision is needed.

God needs to provide a substitute.

⁸ Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

Faithful believers surrender their best to God and they trust God to provide.

⁹ When 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.

If God can give me a son from my dead body. He can certainly raise my dead son to life.

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

Abraham surrendered his best and trusted God would provide.

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son...He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead" (Hebrews 11:17-19).

¹¹ But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ¹² He 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."

¹³ And 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.

God is seldom early, but He is never late.

There will be times where God will lead us to the end of our "light" and it's there we need to trust God.

¹⁴ So 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 is faithful to save.

In the time of Abraham and Isaac's greatest distress (v.1-19), God is making ready the time of Isaac's greatest delight (v.20-24).

BIG IDEA: When times are hard and dark, remember God is faithful; our God provides and He saves.

If Abraham could trust God's promise and provision for Isaac, I can trust Him with _____.

STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS

- Abraham goes through a variety of “tests.” How do you feel about God “testing” His people? Why must every profession of faith be tested?
- Why do you think Abraham passed his final exam (Gen. 22) with relative ease?
- Where did God “break in” and get your attention in the passage? What are you “hearing” from God?
- If Abraham could trust God’s promise and provision for Isaac, I can trust Him with _____.
- Do you honestly believe that in the time of our greatest distress (22:1-19) that God is also making ready something for our greatest delight and good (22:20-24)?
- Where is God calling you to repent? Or what is He calling you to do or believe?
- What question was addressed that you think your small group should discuss?