

## TESTED, TRIED, AND TRUE: Abraham and You... Genesis 22

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**Tests are part of life...** from grade school, through a job search, buying a car or house, finding a spouse, dealing with pain, financial struggles, the death of a loved one or anticipating your own death.



### A. YOU WILL EXPERIENCE BIG, LIFE-CHANGING TESTS IN LIFE. V.1-2

1. God tested Abraham - The Test = Sacrifice your son. "Your only son Isaac..." The unique promised one... Testing does not get any harder than that.
2. Test (*nasa* - Hebrew word) = test, try, prove. "In most contexts *nasa* has the idea of testing or proving the quality of someone or something, often through adversity or hardship." TWOT Vol 2, p.581. Exodus 15:25; 20:20. Testing of Israel.  
Psalm 26:2 "Prove me, O LORD, and try me; test my heart and my mind."  
Testing's purpose is to challenge us to respond positively in growing our faith in the Living God.

### B. HAVE FAITH THAT GOD'S PLAN IS ALWAYS AT WORK. BUT OBEDIENCE IS NEEDED. V.3-14

1. Abraham immediately obeyed God's command, despite the prospective cost.
2. Abraham trusted God to Deal with the Situation. How could he do that? Answer = Hebrews 11:17-19
3. Your Testing is not a Surprise or an Accident to God. But it is a Challenge to your faith in Him.
4. At the very last instant in Abraham's sacrifice, God intervened. Genesis 22:10-12
5. Abraham demonstrated his faith in passing the test.
6. Abraham learned another dimension of God - that He is Jehovah Jireh - the God who Provides. V.14
7. In our testing, do what you can do. You have human responsibility and wisdom to act. Obey whatever commands God has for the situation. And bring the matter to the Living God continually through prayer and even fasting at times. Then see what He does.



### C. GREAT LIVES GROW THROUGH TESTING. V.15-19

1. God's blessings to Abraham and his offspring are reaffirmed through Abe's obedience. V.16-18
2. Why is Abraham held up as an example of Faith in Hebrews 11? His obedience in several testings demonstrate his trust in the Living God. Tested, Tried, and True. Can that be said of you?
3. That same faith through trials is for every believer in Jesus Christ as Savior. Jesus' whole life on earth, his preaching, his miracles, his death, and resurrection call for belief, faith in Him.
4. The witness of His saints through the centuries of the church demonstrates the faithfulness of God to His people through testing, even when death, the final earthly deliverance for believers, is the outcome.

**"When you are going through difficulty and wonder where God is, remember that the teacher is always quiet during the test."** Source unknown