

PRAYER

- Pray for strength of heart for each person in your group to persevere whenever you face trials in life. May these tests promote you into a higher level of faith.

- Ask God to increase your faith and to help you know Him more so you can trust Him more as well.

- Intercede for everyone in your group to experience God's goodness and provision in their lives so they can encourage more people with these stories.



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DOUBLE
CALLS

**Abraham!
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Week 1

NOTES

CONNECT

- When you were little, what pet name do your parents usually call you? Why did they call you that?
- Who is one person you trust the most? How has that person earned your trust?
- If you want to communicate something very important to someone, what are the things you will do to get that person's attention (e.g. text messages, emails, calls, talk in person)?

WORD

WHAT

What does the Bible say?

¹⁷By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had received the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, ¹⁸even though God had said to him, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." ¹⁹Abraham reasoned that God could raise the dead, and figuratively speaking, he did receive Isaac back from death.

Hebrews 11:17-19

In Hebrew language, being called by name twice is their way of putting emphasis on the importance of the message to be communicated like how the angel of the Lord called Abraham twice in Genesis 22. The context of the call, as well as the response of Abraham before and after it, gives us important truths we can apply as we embrace God's leadership over our lives.

• The Test

¹Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. ²Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about."

Genesis 22:1,2

To test means to prove something. God tested Abraham to confirm his faith in Him. How important is Isaac to Abraham? How do you think Abraham feel when God asked him to sacrifice Isaac?

• The Trust

⁷Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?" "Yes, my son?" Abraham replied. "The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" ⁸Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together.

Genesis 22:7,8

The replies of Abraham to God's test (vs. 1,3,5) and to his son's questions are very interesting. It showed his deep trust in God.

Though the command was difficult, not to mention "illogical," he wholeheartedly obeyed and trusted the power and faithfulness of God (Hebrews 11:17-19).

• The Testimony

¹³Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided."

Genesis 22:13,14

Abraham's obedience confirmed this trust in God. This experience also allowed him to see how much he believes in God and loves Him. His devotion to God even gave an example for Isaac to follow. Also, in Abraham's obedience, he knew and experienced the truth that God is a faithful Provider.

SO WHAT

What is the relevance of the Word to my life?

- Are there things that you feel like God wants you to do which seem illogical and hard to follow? How should you respond in light of Abraham's example?
- What are some barriers people might have in fully trusting God? How can one overcome them?
- What characteristics of God can you hold on to during trials and hard times?
- What other qualities of God have you realized after embracing His leadership over your life?

NOW WHAT

How do I apply the Word to my life?

- What is one thing you have learned from the lesson and how can you practically apply it in your life this week?
- What is God telling you to do right now? What practical steps can you take in the next few days to obey it?
- Find time this week to share a testimony of God's faithfulness in your life to others when the opportunity arises.