

1. REVIEW — Lessons from Abraham's test.

After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He 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." Genesis 22:1–2 (ESV)

- Sometimes God tests our heart by forcing us to choose our greatest love.

So 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. On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. Then 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." And 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. And 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?" Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together. Genesis 22:3–8 (ESV)

- Living by faith means we obey God's words even when it doesn't make sense.

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. Genesis 22:9 (ESV)

- Submit to my earthly father's will and/or my heavenly father's will, even when I don't understand their reasons.

Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." 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." 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. 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." Genesis 22:10–14 (ESV)

- God puts us in tests and trials to help pass our faith onto our children.

2. How does Isaac's sacrifice foreshadow Christ's sacrifice?

1. Isaac and Jesus both had births that were promised by God.
2. Isaac and Jesus both had miraculous conceptions.
3. Isaac and Jesus both came from a place of tranquility to a place of brutal sacrifice.
4. Isaac and Jesus were both sacrificed on Mount Moriah.
5. Isaac and Jesus both took a three day journey from death to life.
6. Isaac and Jesus were both escorted to their death by two men.
7. Isaac and Jesus both carried the wood of their death on their back.
8. Isaac and Jesus both willingly submitted themselves to the will of their father.
9. Isaac's life was saved by God providing a substitute. Jesus came to be our substitute.
10. Isaac and Jesus both came back from the dead to get their bride.

3. What does Abraham teach us about faith and obedience?

And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice." So Abraham returned to his young men, and they arose and went together to Beersheba. And Abraham lived at Beersheba. Genesis 22:15–19 (ESV)

1. My faith isn't what I believe. It is what I do.

*For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.
Romans 3:28 (ESV)*

*You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. James
2:24 (ESV)*

But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"—and he was called a friend of God. You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. James 2:18–24 (ESV)

2. Faith that obeys leaves a family legacy.

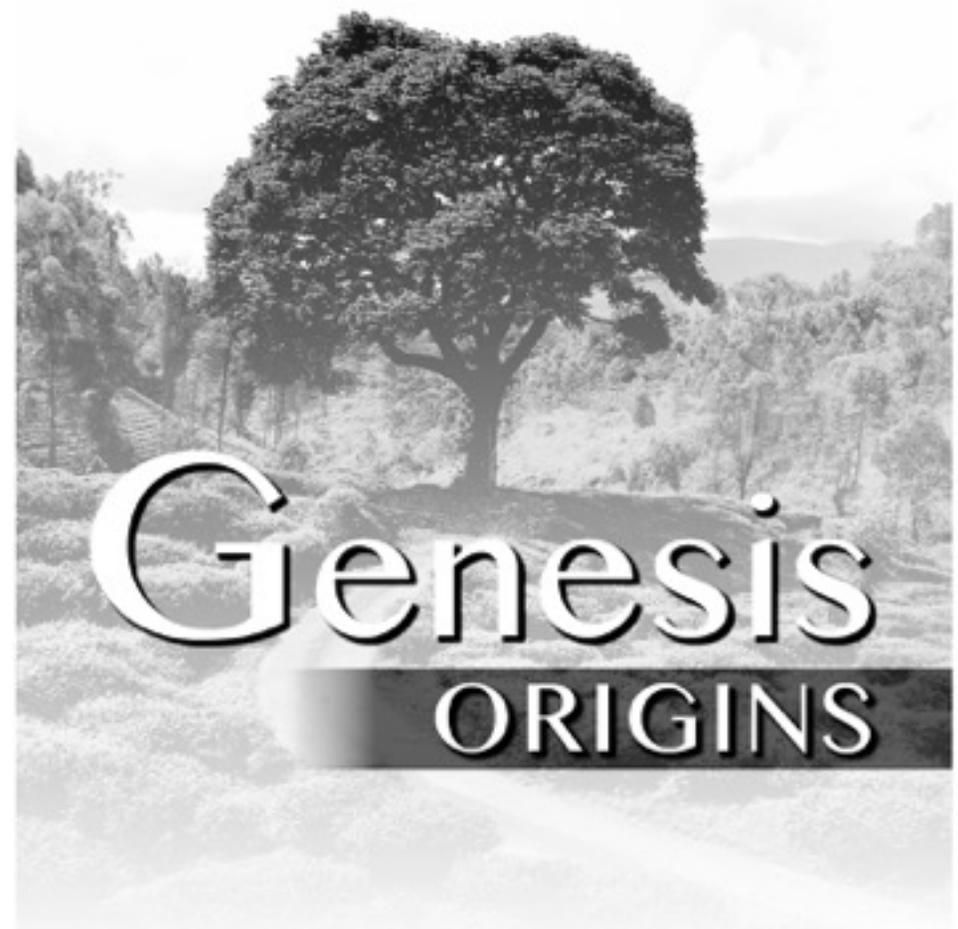
*...because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you, ...because you have obeyed my voice.
Genesis 22:16–17 (ESV)*

- His offspring were multiplied
- His descendants conquered their enemies.
- All nations on earth were blessed by his obedience.

and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice." Genesis 22:18 (ESV)

Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, "And to offsprings," referring to many, but referring to one, "And to your offspring," who is Christ. Galatians 3:16 (ESV)

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Genesis 22 — Obedience



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