

Honor God Make Disciples



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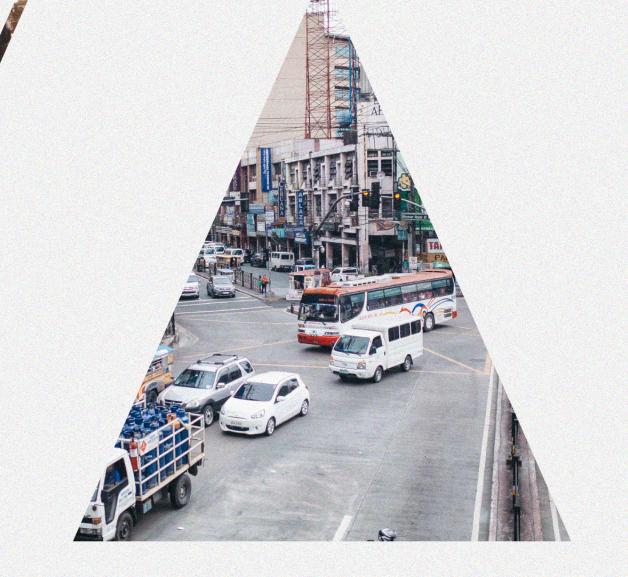
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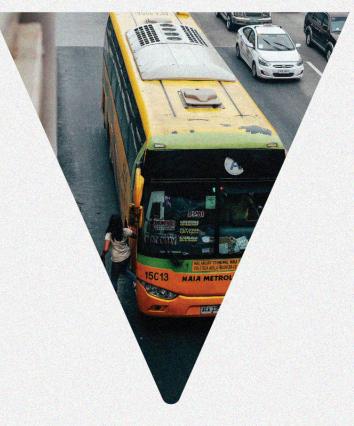
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#7TESTING

Genesis 22: The story of Abraham Sacrificed Isaac





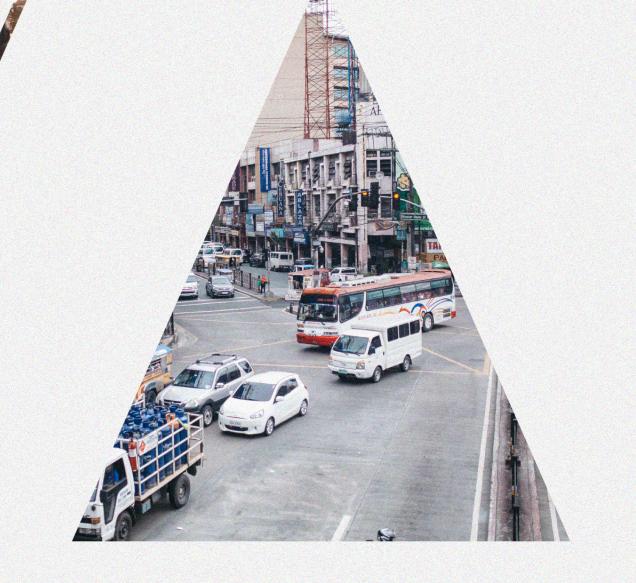
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So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.

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### BACKGROUND

### Genesis 11-21 ESV













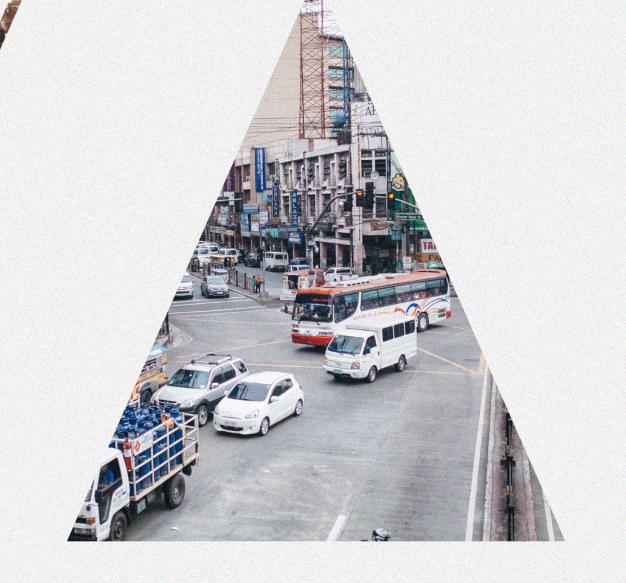






































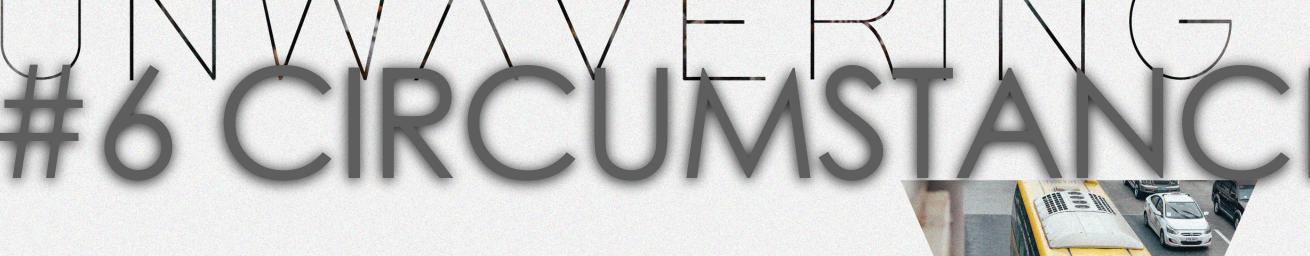




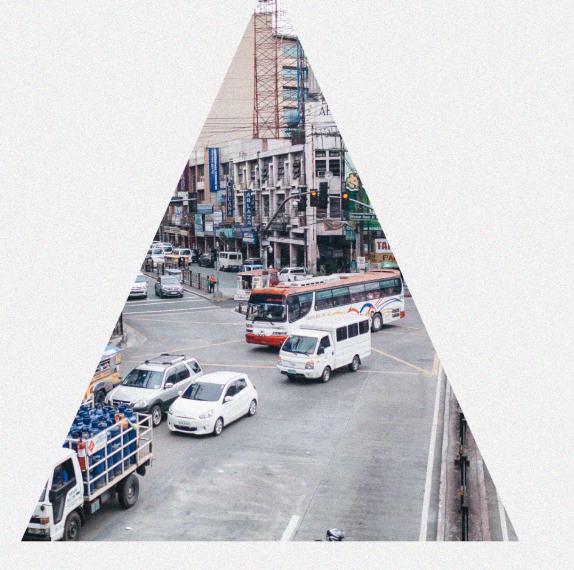






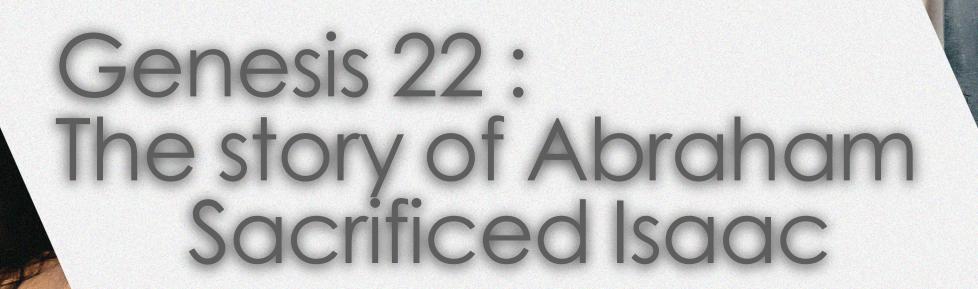
















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## WHO LIKES OR ENJOYTAKING TEST?

# GOD IS STILL WORKING ON YOU AND HE IS NOT GIVEN UP ON YOU YET

## IF GOD HAS NOT GIVEN UP ON YOU YET... DON'T EVER YOU GIVE UP!

### TRUTH ABOUT TESTING

TRIALS are used by God to bring out the BEST in you!
TEMPTATIONS are used by devil to bring out the Worst of you!

### ARE YOU MADE OF...?

# THREE DIFFERENT TESTS of LIFE

### 1. THE TEST OF LOVE: TO OBEY OR DISOBEY

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### HOW CAN YOUTELL IT IS GOLD?



## HOW CAN YOU TELL THAT YOUR LOVE FOR GOD IS GENUINE?

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heb: "aheb": human love to human object

## CAN THE PROMISE GREATER THAN THE FEAR OF THE LORD?

#### Genesis 22:9-12 ESV

"When they <u>came</u> to the place of which God had told him, Abraham <u>built</u> the altar there and <u>laid</u> the wood in order and <u>bound</u> Isaac his son and <u>laid</u> him on the altar, on top of the wood. "Then Abraham <u>reached</u> out his hand and <u>took</u> the knife to slaughter his son.

### Genesis 22:9-12 ESV

"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."

## 2. THE TEST OF WORSHIP: TO SACRIFICE OR NOT

### Genesis 22:4-5 ESV

On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you."

heb: "shachah": to bow down, prostrate...

### WORSHIP = HOW WORTH?

It is about your **un-divided devotion** to someone/something! It means it is **SO worthy** that you would sacrifice anything for it!

#### 2 Samuel 24:24 ESV

But the king said to Araunah, "No, but I will buy it from you for a price. I will not offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God that cost me nothing." So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

### 3. THE TEST OF FAITH: TO TRUST OR DOUBT

#### Genesis 22:6-8 ESV

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.

### Hebrews 11:17-19 ESV

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, sof whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." "He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

### Romans 4:19-21 ESV

"He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, sfully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

# Hebrews 11:6 ESV And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

### FAITH IS NOT THE ABILITY TO MANIPULATE GOD

## FAITH IS NOT EXPECTING GOD WILL ALWAYS DO WHAT YOU WANT BUT...

### FAITH IS PLEASING GOD NOT PLEASING SELF.

### Genesis 22:10-14 ESV

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."

#### Genesis 22:13-14 ESV

And Abraham <u>lifted</u> up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham <u>went</u> and <u>took</u> the ram and <u>offered</u> it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.

### Genesis 22:13-14 ESV

"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."

heb: "yi-reh": to provide ... Jehovah Jireh

#### Genesis 22:15-18 ESV

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."

### HOW are you in these 3 Different TESTS?

TESTOF
LOVE

2.
TEST OF
WORSHIP

3.
TESTOF
FAITH

