

“The Only Meaningful Measure” Text Genesis 22:1-14

Now from the very first verse of this account, the Bible makes it clear that this was a t_____, but Abraham didn’t know that. He just knows what God is telling him to do. Ref: V2

People like Noah, Abraham, and Joseph followed God based on what they knew about him, but their r_____ was limited.

God had told Abraham that through Isaac *specifically* his descendants would be counted. If there were no Isaac, there could be no fulfillment of God’s promise. Abraham knew this, and he believed it.

This is why Abraham said to the servants, “We will return.” Ref: Hebrews 11:17-19 There are times when God calls on us personally and as a church to do things that we simply don’t understand.

1. There will be tests in life, and they all mean s_____.

In the Christian life, there is no such thing as useless information or a lesson without application. Whenever God teaches you something, he will give you the o_____ to put it into practice. He will test you, so to speak.

We see very clearly in this story of Abraham and Isaac that sometimes God chooses to take the path of d_____ with us.

The discovery is not for God alone. It is for you, as well, so that *you* will know — beyond a shadow of a doubt — the limits of your f_____ and your willingness to o_____.

Whenever God teaches you something new, you can be sure that it will be on the test. And the test matters.

2. There comes a time when obedient a_____ is the only meaningful measure of your faith.

Abraham's feelings don't really play a role in the significance of this story. It's what Abraham did that made a difference. Ref: James 2:21-24

We are saved by faith, not by works. It's all mercy. It's all grace. .

Your f_____ will never be the most meaningful measure of any aspect of the Christian life. It's what you do that counts.

Your good works will never save you, but your actions will tell you something about the extent of your faith. Ref: Matthew 21:31

3. Each test leads you to the next level of l_____ in Christ.

God will bring tests into your life so that you can pass them and move on to the next level of blessing.

The Bible is clear that the test is not a t_____. God doesn't try to bait you into doing something so that he can punish you later. That's entrapment. [cf James 1:13]

The tests that come your way will be the opportunity to do the right thing.

With each act of obedience, we move one step closer to the fulfillment of God's promises.

This is the first time the word "love" appears in the Bible, and it's connected to the concept of sacrifice. Ref: Genesis 22:2