

**INTRO**

- What is something you've had to trust someone else with that was difficult to let go of? What made it hard?

**READ**

Genesis 22:1-14

*Q: What immediately strikes you from this passage?*

**REFLECT & RESPOND**

In Genesis 22, Abraham faces the greatest test of his life. God asks him to surrender the very son through whom God's promises were meant to come. Abraham doesn't understand God's command, but he chooses to trust God's character over his own understanding. At the critical moment, God provides a substitute and reveals Himself as "The LORD Will Provide." This story ultimately points beyond Abraham to Jesus, God's own Son, whom He gave so that we could receive life.

*Q: Have you ever experienced a season when God seemed silent, confusing, or difficult to understand? How did you respond?*

*Q: Abraham trusted what he knew about God's character even when he couldn't explain God's actions. What helps you trust God when life doesn't make sense?*

The text clearly states that this was a test for Abraham: not to prove his devotion to God, but to reveal his faith and to discover that God is completely trustworthy. Isaac represented so much of what was good, beautiful, and hopeful in Abraham's life.

Similarly, in Mt 22:37 poses a similar test. The greatest commandment is not the absence of other loves in our lives, but the ordering of them.

*Q: What might be your Isaac? What are you holding most tightly right now?*

God may not be asking you to lose it, but he is asking whether he can have it. And on the other side of that surrender is not emptiness. It's the discovery that the God who provided for Mt Moriah and on Calvary can be trusted with whatever you're carrying today.

*He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? — Rom 8:32*

The good news is that while Isaac was spared, Jesus was not. God provided the true substitute through His Son. The cross assures us that God's love and faithfulness are never in question, even when His ways are difficult to understand. Because God did not withhold His own Son, we can trust Him with every area of our lives.

This week, spend time each day surrendering one specific concern, relationship, dream, or fear to God in prayer. Ask Him to deepen your trust, not simply change your circumstances.

*Q: Read James 2:21-22. James says faith becomes visible through obedience. What is one practical step of trust God may be inviting you to take this week?*

**PRAY**

- Thank God for His faithful provision through Jesus Christ.
- Ask God to strengthen your trust when His ways are difficult to understand.
- Pray for the courage to surrender whatever you are holding most tightly.
- Pray that your faith would become visible through joyful obedience and daily trust.