

Faith & Trust
Genesis 22:1-6
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Thesis: I want to show what we can learn from a faith like Abraham's.

- Intro:
1. God wants us to trust in Him always.
 2. God knows if we are not trusting in Him as we should.

I. The Command & Response (Gen 22:1-6)

A. The Command & Test (**v.1-2**)

1. Abraham was being tested by God, as God told him this directly.
2. He was to offer Isaac his only son.

B. The Obedient Response (**v.3-6**)

1. Abraham didn't hesitate to obey the command of God.
2. The command wasn't easy.
3. The servants stay behind as Abraham & Isaac go to worship
4. Isaac isn't aware that he is the sacrifice.

II. The Test (Gen 22:7-10)

A. (**v.7-8**)

1. Isaac realizes there isn't a lamb for the sacrifice.
2. Abraham simply replies that God would provide.
 - a. Showing his faith that God would indeed provide what is needed.
 - b. No doubt Abraham was mentally preparing to offer his son.
 - i. An incredible situation.

B. **v. 9-10**

1. Abraham binds his son to the altar.
2. No doubt, this would be an interesting and disturbing seen to see.
 - a. Perhaps this is why the servants were told to stay behind.
3. v.10 – Abraham was ready to sacrifice his son.

C. God's approval (Gen 22:11-17)

1. **v.11-13** - The angel of the Lord stops Abraham from killing Isaac.
 - a. God then provides the sacrifice for them.
2. **v.14-17** – Abraham is blessed by God for not withholding his only son.

III. Lessons for Us Today

A. So-called Faith

1. Faith when a need arises.
2. Faith when its convenient.

B. Biblical Faith

1. Hebrews 11 – we see numerous types of faith.
2. Biblical faith is trusting in God, believing in God, and clinging to God always and not just at certain times (**Deut 30:20**).

Application & Conclusion:

1. We have seen the real faith of Abraham and we can follow is example of dedication.
2. Are you striving to have this type of faith?
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11-12, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent & Pray: James 5:16, 1 John 1:9