

## <u>Trusting God Because of His Love</u> Genesis 22

Central Idea:

1. God gave Abraham a terrifying \_\_\_\_\_\_. (Genesis 22:1-2)

2. Abraham obeyed with unwavering \_\_\_\_\_\_. (Genesis 22:3-10)

3. God intervened to reveal His steadfast \_\_\_\_\_\_. (Genesis 22:11-14)

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## **MY APPLICATION**

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

- 1. When was the last time difficult circumstances cast doubt on the goodness of God in your heart? What in particular made it difficult to trust Him completely? How did you end up choosing to respond to your circumstance?
- 2. Read Genesis 22:1-10. How would you respond if God were to ask the same thing of you that he asked of Abraham (v. 1-2)? What do you imagine were the feelings going on in Abraham's heart? What do you think he struggled with? What does his ultimate obedience say about his faith and trust in God?
- 3. Read Genesis 22:11-14. God's intervention with Abraham was immediate and climactic. In our lives, is God's intervention sometimes delayed or more subtle? What does this say about God's character, specifically His trustworthiness? Can we truly trust God's goodness when we are in a position of surrender or loss? What from your experience informs your answer?
- 4. Knowing that God was willing to sacrifice His only Son for you, and that He went through with it (a step beyond Abraham's story), how does this influence how you feel about Him? Has God proven His goodness and love enough to fully earn your trust? What holds you back from trusting Him completely?

## MEMORY VERSE

"Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son." Genesis 22:12b