## A Test Of Genuine Faith Genesis 22:1-18

This <u>TEST</u> Of "Unbridled Faith" <u>Involves</u> Abraham's <u>ONLY</u> Son, Isaac, who was <u>PROMISED</u> for decades & incredibly <u>LOVED</u>.

This Incredible <u>Narrative</u> reveals THREE <u>REALITIES</u> about Genuine Faith that we CAN & SHOULD <u>Apply</u> to our Christian lives.

## 1. GENUINE FAITH WILL BE <u>TESTED</u>. (vv.1-2)

- What is The <u>PURPOSE</u> of Testing?
- What is The <u>PROMISE</u> Concerning Testing?
- God CONTROLS the Testing. (1 Corinthians 10:13)
- God is WITH US in the Testing. (Joshua 1:9)
- What is The PROCESS of Testing?
- This <u>NEW</u> Test of Faith came as a <u>Result</u> of a <u>LIFETIME</u> of God Dealing with Abraham.

## 2. GENUINE FAITH REQUIRES <u>TRUST</u>. (vv. 3-10)

- Abraham could've <u>Made</u> Up some <u>Excuses</u> but <u>DIDN'T</u>...
- In v.5, we see FAITH IN ACTION. (Hebrews 11:17-19)
- The Central Question of the Whole O.T. is "Where is the Lamb?"
- Abraham replies "My son, GOD will PROVIDE for Himself the lamb..." (John 1:29)
- Faith requires <u>Trust</u>...& Trust often requires <u>ACTION</u>.

## 3. GENUINE FAITH WILL ALWAYS <u>TRIUMPH</u>. (vv. 11- 18)

- WHY would God Stop Abraham from Being Obedient? Two Reasons:
- FIRST, such a sacrifice would have NO Benefit for OTHERS.
- SECONDLY, Abraham had already PROVEN his Faith.
- In vv.15-19 we hear of <u>TWO</u> of "<u>Mountaintop</u> <u>Moments</u>" in Abraham's life. (vv.13, 18)
- WE TOO can Expect to hear the Praise of God When We LIVE by Genuine Faith.
- Let's See the Picture Behind the Picture.
- Mt. Moriah is the SAME Place God Sacrificed His OWN SON, Jesus, for OUR Sin.
- Mt. Moriah is the SAME Place God Provided a SUBSTITUTE for US in Jesus.
- Mt. Moriah is the SAME Place Jesus carried a Wooden Cross for the Ultimate Sacrifice.
- WHAT does God Demand of US TODAY? (Romans 12:1-3)