

June 4, 2023 Worship Service Pastor Bruce Adrian WeAreLifeBridge.com

ABRAHAM: God of Promise & Life of Faith

Lesson Sixteen • Genesis 22:1-24

Faith Put to the Test

The Tests of God in a Life of Faith

God gives us <u>TESTS</u> to reveal our faith in God, to demonstrate what is really in our hearts, for our good and for God's glory.

Faith Put to the Test

1. God TESTS the Faith of His People!

God's Tests

- Sometimes God's tests are given without you <u>KNOWING</u> that you're being tested (vs. 1-2).
- Sometimes God's tests are absolutely <u>AGONIZING</u> and extremely <u>PERPLEXING</u> (vs. 1-2).

2. To Pass God's Test We Must TRUST and OBEY!

Abraham's Obedience & Trust

Abraham <u>OBEYED</u> God immediately and completely because of His unwavering TRUST in God (vs. 3-10).

God's Provision

God prevented the <u>SACRIFICE</u> of Abraham's son and then provided a SUBSTITUTE for Abraham's son (vs. 11-14).

3. Passing God's Test Results in God's BLESSINGS!

God's Blessings

- God blessed Abraham by providing <u>ASSURANCE</u> of His promises (vs. 15-19).
- ➤ God blessed Abraham by providing a FUTURE for Isaac (20-24).

Will You Trust and Obey?

For there is no other way to <u>PASS</u> God's tests of faith, than to trust and obey.

"On the Mount of the Lord It Shall Be Provided"

God provided a ram in the thicket as a sacrifice, and later God provided His SON on the cross as the ultimate sacrifice for sin.

He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things? Romans 8:32

COMMUNION Remembering the Sacrifice of Jesus Christ

Followers of Jesus Christ (those who trust Christ for salvation, identify with Christ in baptism, and commit to Christ's body in membership of a local church of like faith and practice) are invited to participate in Communion located at the four tables in the auditorium. After you take the bread and cup back to your seat, PLEASE WAIT so we may eat and drink together. The bread and juice represent the body and blood of Jesus when He died on the Cross and reminds us who our Lord is, what He has done for us, is doing for us, and will yet do for us when He returns. Come. Lord Jesus. come!