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Series: Week 11
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Learning to Trust God

Genesis 22:1-19

BIG IDEA: Learning to trust God is the journey of a _____.

If we're going to learn to trust God over a lifetime, there are three essential truths we must understand:

1. Trusting God is an Act of _____. (Genesis 22:1–5)

2. Worship Requires _____. (Genesis 22:6–12)

3. On the Other Side of Sacrifice, We Discover the _____ We Need. (Genesis 22:13–19)

PERSONAL REFLECTION:

What am I struggling to entrust to God? What is one physical step I can take this week to grow in my trust in God?

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

Psalm 115:11 • Proverbs 3:5–6 • Romans 12:1–2

CONSIDER QUESTIONS | Genesis 22:1–19:

1. Can we trust God and still struggle to obey Him?

    Abraham's life included remarkable acts of faith and serious failures. Looking at his journey from Genesis 12 to 22, what does his story suggest about the relationship between trust, doubt, and obedience?

2. What do we do when God's ways seem to contradict His promises?

    God promised Abraham a future through Isaac, yet Genesis 22 presents a command that appears to threaten that future. How should we respond when our understanding of God's will seems to conflict with what we believe about His character?

3. What do we fear more: God, or losing control?

    In Genesis 22:12, God declares that Abraham fears Him. Psalm 115:11 connects fearing the Lord with trusting Him. How might our fear of losing security, approval, comfort, or control compete with reverence for God?

4. What happens to our faith when God's provision doesn't look like what we expected?

    Abraham discovers God's provision on the mountain. But not every faithful believer experiences an earthly rescue like Isaac's. How can we recognize God's faithfulness without assuming He will always give us the outcome we desire?

5. What is the difference between surrendering something to God and simply giving up?

    Think about an area of life where you're experiencing uncertainty. What might trusting God require of you, and how would you distinguish faithful surrender from passivity, avoidance, or resignation?

