

THE "TRUST" TEST AFTER 30 YEARS OF SCHOOLING

Genesis 22:1-14

I. INTRODUCTION:

- A. The "test", a time of self-discovery: *v. 1a*
- B. Understanding a "faith-based" friendship: *(See Jas. 2:23)*
 - 1. The incredible offer: *(See Pro. 17:17; 18:24; 27:6, 17)*
 - 2. The simple recipe: *(See Pro. 3:5-6)*
Faith that grows a friendship – "Trusting in God's Word and then acting upon it, even when you can't see the results": *(See Heb. 11:1)*
 - 3. The finished product on display: *(See Job 13:15a)*
- C. Ishmael for grievous "midterms" and Isaac for the painful "final exam":

II. HOW ABRAHAM'S FUTURE BECAME GREATER THAN HIS PAST:

- A. Abraham's "open book" exam in the land of Moriah: *vv. 1-2*
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.
 - 5.
- B. Listening carefully to the instructions and then promptly obeying: *v. 3*
- C. Confidence in his faithful Friend: *vv. 4-5 (See Heb. 11:17-19)*
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
- D. Completing the test with no idea of the outcome: *vv. 6-10*
 - 1.
 - 2.
- E. Discovering what his Teacher already knew in the "trust" test: *vv. 11-14*
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.

III. PRINCIPLES TO PERSONALLY APPLY:

(Together becoming "people of the Word" in principle AND in practice)

- A.
- B.
- C.