

## From the Beginning: "Here I Am!"

Genesis 22:1-18

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### I. Abraham faced the challenge. (vs 1-2)

1. God tested Abraham with a severe crisis.
2. God asked Abraham to do the impossible.

Hebrews 11:19

### II. Abraham faced his heart. (vs 3-18)

1. Abraham demonstrated that a person can know God personally.
2. Abraham demonstrated that a person can love God supremely.  
Matthew 10:35-37
3. Abraham demonstrated that a person can glorify God above all else.
4. Abraham demonstrated spiritual maturity.
5. Abraham demonstrated that a person can be completely surrendered to God.
6. Abraham demonstrated that a person's faith can give victory in all circumstances.

*"Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him."* James 1:12

### LET'S GO DEEPER:

1. Think back through the life of Abraham (chapters 12-23) and compile a list of "Facts about faith" based on his examples.
2. Think back through the life of Abraham and compile a list of the ways God kept his promises to him. Look carefully at Genesis 12:1-3 and notice all the facets of God's promises.
3. Has God been asking you to do something that does not seem to make sense? What is it? Talk it over with a Christian friend asking how God might be working a blessing through your challenge.