



Standing Strong In The Storms of Life

Trusting the Character of God

Hebrews 11, Genesis 22

Hebrews 11:17

By faith Abraham, when he was tested...

tested - *peirazo* - the choice we have when testing comes our way

James 1:2 -3

2. Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials,
3. knowing that the testing (*dokimos* - to prove one worthy or genuine) of your faith produces endurance.

tested - *peirazo* - when God initiates, it is meant to teach us something; a “pop test” in the classroom of faith

****God is never out to get us, because He already has us. He is out to prove us and to grow us in the storms of life.**

Hebrews 11:17

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was offering up his only begotten son;

James 2:21

Was not Abraham our father justified by works (not before God but before men) when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar?

1. Trusting God’s Character Involves Believing He Is Never Wrong

Genesis 21:12

for through Isaac your descendants shall be named...

Also Genesis 22:18, Hebrews 11:18

2. Trusting God’s Character Involves Believing That The Word of God Is Never To Be Doubted

Genesis 22:1

Now it came about after these things, that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."

Romans 10:17

Faith comes from hearing and hearing from the Word of Christ.

Genesis 22:2-3

2. God said, "Take now your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I will tell you."

3. So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and Isaac his son; and he split wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.

Hebrews 11:19

He considered that God is able to raise people even from the dead, from which he also received him back as a type.

3. Trusting God's Character Involves Believing That Others Will Be Spiritually Blessed Because of Our Willingness To Trust God

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

3. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,

4. who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

Genesis 22:4-18

4. On the third day Abraham raised his eyes and saw the place from a distance.
5. Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey, and I and the lad will
6. Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son, and he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together.
7. Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." And he said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"
8. Abraham said, "God will provide for Himself the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.
9. Then they came to the place of which God had told him; and Abraham built the altar there and arranged the wood and bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.
10. Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.
11. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."
12. He said, "Do not stretch out your hand against the lad, and do nothing to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son from Me."
13. Then Abraham raised his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him a ram caught in the thicket by his horns; and Abraham went and took the ram and offered him up for a burnt offering in the place of his son.
14. Abraham called the name of that place The Lord Will Provide, as it is said to this day, "In the mount of the Lord it will be provided."
15. then the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven,
16. and said, "By Myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this thing and have not withheld your son, your only son,
17. indeed I will greatly bless you, and I will greatly multiply your seed as the stars of the heavens and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your seed (masculine singular) shall possess the gate of their enemies.
18. "In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."

Psalm 40:1-4

1. I waited patiently for the Lord; And He inclined to me and heard my cry.
2. He brought me up out of the pit of destruction, out of the miry clay, and He set me feet on a rock making my footsteps firm.
3. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many will see and fear and will trust in the Lord.
4. How blessed is the man who has made the Lord his trust, and has not turned to the proud, nor to those who lapse into falsehood.



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