

**ABRAHAM**  
**The White Knuckle Test**  
**Genesis 22:1-19**  
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**Life is not about things, life is about moments.**

*You can make many plans, but the LORD's purpose will prevail.*  
**(Proverbs 19:21 NLT)**

**1. Sometimes God will lead us through the unexplainable.**

*And remember, when you are being tempted, do not say, "God is tempting me." God is never tempted to do wrong, and He never tempts anyone else.* **(James 1:13 NLT)**

**2. God is more interested in your character than your comfort.**

*Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God — this is your true and proper worship.* **(Romans 12:1 NIV)**

**3. God holds us most tightly when we hold things most loosely.**

*For I hold you by your right hand — I, the LORD your God. And I say to you, "Don't be afraid. I am here to help you."* **(Isaiah 41:13 NLT)**

**When I can't trace His hand, I can trust His heart.**

**4. Surrender is a win.**

*It was by faith that Abraham offered Isaac as a sacrifice when God was testing him. Abraham, who had received God's promises, was ready to sacrifice his only son, Isaac, even though God had told him, "Isaac is the son through whom your descendants will be counted." Abraham reasoned that if Isaac died, God was able to bring him back to life again. And in a sense, Abraham did receive his son back from the dead.* **(Hebrews 11:17-19 NLT)**

*Abraham never wavered in believing God's promise. In fact, his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God. He was fully convinced that God is able to do whatever He promises.*  
**(Romans 4:20-21 NLT)**

**The conduit through which God takes His best blessings and pours them into your life is a pipe called SURRENDER.**

*With His own blood — not the blood of goats and calves — He entered the Most Holy Place once for all time and secured our redemption forever.* **(Hebrews 9:12 NLT)**