Open It!

What is the greatest test you have faced? What did you learn?

Read It!

Read Genesis 22:1-19 in a couple translations.

Discover It!

What stands out to you? What's the point of this passage?

What words or phrases are repeated?

Who are the characters in this narrative?

What role does each play in the story?

Is there a principle to learn, promise to trust, command to obey, or example to follow?

Discuss It!

What do we learn about God?

What do we learn about testing?

What do you learn about Abraham's faith?

How is the story of the gospel foreshadowed in this account?

What New Testament passages come to mind?

Live It!

Love the Lord Your God with all your heart!

Memorize and Declare, *"I am yours; You hold me by my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory. Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you"* (Psalm 73:23–25, NIV).

Discover the blessing of possessing nothing. Read Chapter Two in *The Pursuit of God* by A.W. Tozer.

What do you need to surrender so that the LORD has all of you?

By Faith! The Life of Abraham

Tested Faith

Genesis 22:1-19

November 8, 2026

Sermon Question

Why? Why Does God Test Us So Severely?

God Tests Us to Enlarge Our Faith (22:1-5)

After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!"
And he said, "Here I am." ***2*** *He said, "Take your son, your only son*
Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him
there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall
tell you."

Genesis 22:1-2 (ESV)

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds,
3 *for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.*
4 *And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect*
and complete, lacking in nothing.

James 1:2–4 (ESV)

God Tests Us to Secure His Place in Our Heart (22:6-14)

He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me."

Genesis 22:12 (ESV)

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

1 Corinthians 10:13 (ESV)

God Tests Us to Bless Us & All People (22:15-19)

I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven…and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.

Genesis 22:17-18 (ESV)

In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials,⁷ so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 1:6–7 (ESV)