

Genesis 22:1-14

Main Idea: Those who have gone before us were willing to 'go and not know.'

The Right Information

In our world, the right information is not only important, it's demanded. The gathering and distributing of information have become profitable in our commerce and culture. But what if you need to go not knowing? What if you do not have all the pertinent information? To go and not know – on some level, this is the faithwalk.

Q: In what areas in your life is God saying, "Let's Go!"

- ❑ **Place** – geography, physical location
- ❑ **Plans** – time to step out toward our dream; time to take action
- ❑ **Position** – a move up or down the world's ladder of success
- ❑ **Perspective** – doing the right thing usually means going and not knowing

Only 2 Options

There are times God expects us to 'go and not know.' To refuse is to miss out on God's best. If we are forced to let go of certain things, we should hold them loosely. We are sometimes faced with 2 options:

1. **Refuse to get involved – Apathy.** Don't get close to anyone or anything.
2. **Choose to go and not know – Obedience.** That's faith.

Abraham – Genesis 22

Throughout Abraham's life, God tested his obedience, just like He tests ours. One test built upon another until he faced his greatest challenge...the challenge of Genesis 22. We should follow his example...

1. **Action that is Immediate (vv.3-4).** Abraham rose early the very next day. He responded immediately. You can be sure that all of his questions had not been answered.
2. **Obedience that is Faith-based (vv.5-8).** Abraham fully expected to return with his son alive and well. True faith always involves obedience. Abraham's faith was not blind. He stood on the very words of God. So can you.
3. **Commitment that is Thorough (vv.9-10).** Abraham went as far as to bind Isaac's hands and lift the knife above his head! You have to see it through! You cannot give up when it gets difficult.

Family Night Big idea – Read Genesis 22:1-14

This is a perfect opportunity to teach faith and obedience. Abraham trusted God knowing He always keeps His promises. Trust coupled with obedience equals faith.

- **Elementary School** – Ask, "What did God ask Abraham to do with Isaac? Do you think Isaac was scared? What kind of animal did God provide for the sacrifice?"
- **Middle/ High School** – Ask, "What kind of things does God ask of you that feel this difficult? How did Abraham feel while traveling with his son? What most often keeps us from obeying God?"

Prayer

"Father, thank You for always keeping Your promises. Help us obey You in faith. Amen."

Velocity (Middle and High School Students)

Velocity: NO Velocity this Wednesday

Gravity: Middle Schoolers come to the Community Room.

Today's Songs

This is Amazing Grace.....Chris Tomlin
I Speak Jesus.....Charity Gayle
Jesus Messiah.....Chris Tomlin

Kenya Mission Trip

The Mission Team is home safe. We will talk with them and show pictures on a Sunday in August. Thank you for your prayers.

"Follow Us"

"Follow Us" is our new series that starts today.

Promotion Sunday

August 6th, children starting Pre-School will sit with their parents in the service in Reserved Seating up front. Sixth graders will be recognized in the service and have a reception in the Community Room between the services.

Women's Retreat

All ladies are invited to attend our Women's Retreat on August 25-27 at Beaver Creek Plantation in Twin City. You can sign up in the lobby. Cost is \$150 for the weekend. Pick up a flyer in the lobby.