

What Are You Holding Back?

Genesis 22:1-19

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Who and what do you trust in?

What we believe and trust in is revealed in the valleys of life.

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When God tests our faith it is to reveal and refine our faith.

Tests, struggles and trials reveal to us what and in whom we truly believe and trust in.

If you are in what feels like a trial or test, what is it revealing about your faith? What do you really believe? Who is your trust really in?

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- If you're Abraham what question are going through your head?
 - God you're not who I thought you were.
 - How could you ask this?
 - What if I refuse?
 - What kind of God are you?
 - Isn't this murder?

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- Faith is a trust in God so secure that no matter how strange, extreme, or confusing the call of God that we will obey God even when we don't know why or understand.
- Where are the current limits of your faith?

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- What are you holding back from God?
- How might you answer these questions
- “God, I’ll go anywhere but...” “God I will go to anyone but...”
- “God you can take anything away but...”
- “God, I’ll do anything for you but...”
- What comes after the but is where our trust and belief in God end and is in some one or something else.

What Are You Holding Back?

- What are you withholding from God? What do you refuse to give up?
 - Lifestyle, comfort, convenience
 - Understanding/picture of God
 - Money
 - Relationships
 - Career

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- What are you afraid will happen if you give those to God?
- Do you really believe that if you give those up God won't provide for you in every area of life?
- Abraham's faith was in God who would provide.
- Abraham could do the impossible because he believed and trusted God would provide.
- Will you trust God with what comes after your butts?