

Faith That Passes The Test

- Intro.
 - Consecrated life is marked by trusting God's plan to save your life as well as the details of your life.
 - I will make you a great nation Genesis 12:2
 - In you all the families of the earth will be blessed Genesis 12:3
 - To your descendants I will give this land Genesis 12:7
 - For all the land which you see, I will give it to you and to your descendants forever. Genesis 13:15
 - I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth...Genesis 13:16
 - This man will not be your heir; but one who will come forth from your own body, he shall be your heir. Genesis 15:4
 - Sarai's maid Hagar has a son with Abram Genesis 16
 - ...You will be the father of a multitude of nations Genesis 17:4
 - ...your name shall be Abraham; For I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. Genesis 17:5
 - ...I will bless her, and indeed I will give you a son by her... Genesis 17:16
 - Sarah gives birth to Isaac 25 years after the promise was first spoken. Genesis 21
 - "Now it came about after these things, that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."” Genesis 22:1
 - This test reveals just as much about the test giver as it does the test taker.
 - God's tests are not for us to prove our faith to Him. Instead they prove His faithfulness to us.
 - "He 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.”” Genesis 22:2
 - When God asks us to sacrifice, He knows, fully, what is at stake.
 - "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. Genesis 22:3
 - We do not need to know how God will do it. We just need the faith that He will.
 - Flesh wrestles with the how. Faith believes and obeys.
 - Many times in our life our only job is to take the next step!
 - You don't need to know until you need to know.
 - On the third day Abraham raised his eyes and saw the place from a distance. Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey, and I and the lad will go over there; and **we will worship and return** to you.”” Genesis 22:4-5
 - [Abraham] considered that God is able to raise people even from the dead,... Hebrews 11:19
 - Abraham knew God asked him to sacrifice Isaac.
 - Abraham did not know how this was going to end.
 - Abraham knew God was worthy of sacrifice.
 - Abraham did not know God would provide a ram for that sacrifice.
 - Abraham knew that God promised Isaac to be the son through whom the entire world would be blessed.
 - Abraham did not know how God would reconcile that promise after he sacrificed Isaac on the altar.
 - When God's command doesn't make sense to us we have to have enough faith to trust and obey.

- “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. 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?” Abraham said, “God will provide for Himself the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” So the two of them walked on together.” Genesis 22:6-8
 - In the middle of the test when the enemy tells you that you don’t have what it takes, have the faith that God will provide.
- “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. Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” 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. Genesis 22:9-12

Take my life and let it be
 Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
 Take my moments and my days,
 Let them flow in endless praise.
 Take my hands and let them move
 At the impulse of Thy love.
 Take my feet and let them be
 Swift and beautiful for Thee.
 Take my voice and let me sing,
 Always, only for my King.
 Take my lips and let them be
 Filled with messages from Thee.
 Take my silver and my gold,
 Not a mite would I withhold.
 Take my intellect and use
 Every pow’r as Thou shalt choose.
 Take my will and make it Thine,
 It shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is Thine own,
 It shall be Thy royal throne.
 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
 At Thy feet its treasure store.
 Take myself and I will be
 Ever, only, all for Thee

- The consecrated life holds tightly to nothing but the trust in God.