

# *Resurrection Life of Jesus Church*

## **CAN I TRUST GOD?**

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### **PART 7: THE ULTIMATE TEST**

#### **SACRIFICING ISAAC**

The final test for Abraham came when Isaac was older – probably a young teenage boy. Jesus told Abraham to sacrifice Isaac. Abraham did not talk to Sarah, but quietly made preparations and set out on the journey. This was the test that would prove if Abraham trusted God or not. **Genesis 22:1-3**

It must have been pure hell during the three days it took to travel to the place Jesus had specified. **verse 4**

Mount Moriah was a small mountain, which at the time was just a place in the wilderness, but some 1,000 years later the temple of King Solomon would be built upon it.

Abraham knew that he could not take any servants because they would have stopped him from killing Isaac and so he left them behind. **verse 5**

Abraham had Isaac carry the wood for the sacrifice, while he carried the fire and the knife. **verse 6**

Isaac must have contemplated the situation. They had wood, fire and a knife, but there was no sacrifice. **verse 7-8**

Once the altar was built, Abraham bound and laid Isaac upon it. Abraham would have been grieving as he looked into the eyes of son. **verses 9-10**

The test was over when Abraham brought his arm up to stab downward at Isaac. Abraham fully trusted Jesus with his promised heir. Jesus told Abraham to stop and subsequently provided another sacrifice. **verses 11-18**

It took 40 years for Jesus to bring Abraham to the place that he implicitly trusted God. What about you? How much do you trust in the Lord? **Proverbs 3:5-8**

#### **EVERY DAY IS A TEST**

Christian will be tested every day; you will face different situations, some of which can be life threatening. **Matthew 28:18-20**

Peter and John carried out the commandment of Jesus when they were confronted by the ungodly Jewish religious authority; they did not back down and stood their ground. **Acts 4:1-23**

God does not want money, gifts, or anything tangible. The Lord is simply looking for obedience. **John 14:15; 15:14**

Jesus does not want us to be someone who only walks the Christian life when he is with other Christians, but when he is alone, or in a place where no one knows him, he will disobey God and choose to sin.



- ❖ Do you turn to pornography when you are alone on the computer?
- ❖ Are you secretly engaging in fornication/adultery?
- ❖ Do you abuse drugs and alcohol in the privacy of your home?
- ❖ Are you a glutton that lives to eat instead of eating to live?
- ❖ Do you always tell the truth?
- ❖ Are you secretly jealous of those around you?
- ❖ Do you have a problem with curse words?

Sin is anything that you think, say, or do that violates God's law! An "eye servant" is a hypocrite and useless in the Kingdom of God. **Luke 12:1-3; 1 Corinthians 3:10-15; 2 Corinthians 5:10-11; Numbers 32:23; Galatians 6:7-9**

Be faithful in all things. **Matthew 25:14-23**

***Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!***

***Do you have an ear to hear with?***