

**Faith that Fears the Lord**  
**Text: Genesis 22:1-19**  
**June 8, 2024**

**Big Idea: Because God always keeps His promises, I must always trust Him.**

**Context is key!**

**Question #1 (Context)**

*Ask Yourself: What is going on in the text?*

- a) What is the setting and what is happening?
- b) Who are the main characters?
- c) Are there any words/phrases that are repeated?

**Question #2 (Context)**

*Ask Yourself: What does the text say about God and about me?*

- a) Is God saying or showing something about Himself? If so, what?
- b) Do the words in the text predict, prophesy or picture something about Jesus? If so, what?
- c) Is God saying or showing something about us? If so, what?
- d) How does the text point to my need for Jesus? How?

**Question #3 (Context)**

*Ask Yourself: What are the principles, commands or promises given?*

- a) What is the overall theme of the text?
- b) Does the passage include any promise from God? If so, what?

**Question #4**

*Your faith will only go as far as that which you fear to lose.*

- a) **Rd v. 12:** Based on this text, what does a faith that fears the Lord look like practically?
- b) Look at the quote above. What do you fear the most to lay down before the Lord? Why that?
- c) What are we saying to God when we refuse to lay down everything for Him?
- d) What are we forsaking by refusing to lay parts of our lives down for the Lord?
- e) Spend time in prayer repenting of those things that you are unwilling to lay down for the Lord, and ask Him for the faith to trust Him even if He does ask you to lay them down.

A faith that fears God trusts Him...

**Point 1: In OBEDIENCE (vv. 1-10)**

*Question: God always keeps His promises. Will you honour Him above everything?*

**Question #5**

- a) **Rd vv. 1-10:** What was the purpose that God had for asking Abraham to sacrifice his son?
- b) Why does God bring us to situations to test our faith in Him? Why is it loving and right for Him to do that?
- c) Who does God, by testing our faith, move us more to be conformed to the image of?
- d) **Rd. Philippians 3:7-8:** What is the purpose of your life? How does knowing this, allow us to live with a faith that fears the Lord?

**Point 2: For PROVISION (vv. 11-14)**

*Question: God always keeps His promises. Will you depend on Him alone?*

**Question #6**

- a) **Rd vv. 11-14:** How did God miraculously provide for Abraham in order to fulfill His promise to Him?
- b) How should God providing for Abraham, strengthen our faith that God will fulfill His Word as we follow Him?
- c) Does this mean that God will provide everything we want, when we want and how? Why/Why not?
- d) How has the promise of God to provide for the needs of His children been twisted by false doctrine?
- e) Where are you subtly believing a prosperity gospel, in thinking that God should make your life comfy, safe and predictable? **Hint:** You can tell you believe this in the areas you grumble about!
- f) Spend time as a group repenting of your unbelief; and asking the Lord for the faith to follow Him and trust for His provision of your needs in whatever way He desires it to be.

**Point 3: For His BLESSING (vv. 15-19)**

*Question: God always keeps His promises. Will you look at His blessings?*

- a) **Rd vv. 15-19:** What blessing did God remind Abraham of that would come for Him?
- b) What is the greatest blessing we have received through the promise God made to Abraham here?
- c) Why is remembering the innumerable blessings of the gospel crucial if we are to live by faith?
- d) Prayerfully spend time writing down as many blessings as you can that you have because of gospel. Use Scripture to support as many things as you can.
- e) Spend time in prayer and praise sharing and encouraging each other in those things. Enjoy!

**Prayer Application**

Spend time as a group/in accountability in prayer...

- a) REVERENCE before God: God, You are worthy to be feared because\_\_\_\_\_ .
- b) HUMILITY before God: Lord, I repent of... i) My lack of reverence for you in\_\_\_\_\_. ii) For not being willing to lay down \_\_\_\_\_ for You. iii) For my lack of gratitude towards you when\_\_\_\_\_ .
- c) THANKSGIVING: Lord, I thank You for your blessing of\_\_\_\_\_ .
- d) SUPPLICATION to God: Lord, I ask for: i) A deepening faith that fears You. ii) Increasing obedience to you in\_\_\_\_\_. iii) A joyful and eager laying down for you of\_\_\_\_\_ .

*Memory Verse:*

*“...for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.”  
-Genesis 22:12b*