

Faith that Fears the Lord
Text: Genesis 22:1-19
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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?

Sermon Notes...

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?

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

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

Sermon Notes...

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?

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

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

Sermon Notes...

- 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 many 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