

Life Application Bible Study
Trusting GOD

Introduction: Sometimes it seems that to trust or obey God can lead to disaster. Sometimes speaking the truth, maintaining financial integrity, remaining sexually pure or faithful can be opposite of our human thinking or reasoning.

Group Discussion: Name a person or people that you consider trustworthy and give an example of how you have actually put your trust in them?

Thought: Suppose God asked you to do something that seemed utterly foolish or what you understood God to be. How would you respond? For example, what if God asked you to kill your child? Unthinkable? Yet in Genesis 22 God places Abraham in such a position. Here we read and observe Abraham coming face to face with the supreme test of his faith in God. Read Genesis 22: 1-19.

1. How would you feel if God asked you to sacrifice or give up the most important person in your life? **Sad, scared, or confused.**
2. What words or phrase do we see in verses 1-2 that emphasize the extremely painful nature of God's command to Abraham? **"Thou only son whom thou lovest"**
3. Why would sacrificing Isaac not make sense to Abraham? **Because he and his wife Sarah waited so long to have a child of their own.**
4. Besides being his only son, why else would it have been hard for Abraham to sacrifice Isaac? **God has made a covenant with Abraham promising him an heir and descendants who would possess the land of Canaan also known as the "promised land". We see this in Chapter 15 and 17.**
5. How do think Isaac felt in verses 6-8? **Calm, trusting his father.**
6. Do you think his feeling or thinking changed in verses 9-12 and why? **Scared, sad, and probably experiencing the same feelings Abraham felt when God commanded him to sacrifice Isaac.**
7. In verses 1-10 what specific ways does Abraham demonstrate faith?
 - a. **Trusting and not questioning God.**
 - b. **Rising up early**
 - c. **Taking his son, a couple of his young men and the wood**
 - d. **Heading to the place where he was suppose to go**
 - e. **Built an altar**
 - f. **Bound Isaac to the wood**
 - g. **Laid the wood with his son at the altar**

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8. After reading this story, how would you define “faith” as it relates to obedience?
9. How did Abraham’s faith, obedience and trust affect other people?
10. What do you think Abraham learned about God from this experience? **He learned**
11. Have God ever asked you to trust him and step out in faith and do something that you were afraid to do or did not make sense to you?
12. How is your faith exercised in the following situations:
 - a. When you are tempted to sin: **You trust God to make a way of escape or give you the strength to resist the temptation.**
 - b. When you are facing a financial situation: **You trust God to give you the wisdom on how to be a wise steward while meeting the need.**
 - c. When you or someone you care about is facing a terminal illness or need a miracle healing: **You trust to heal that person of that infirmity for there is no infirmity that is greater than God or infirmity that he cannot heal.**
 - d. When you lose someone that you were praying for and asking to save them or heal them: **You trust God to give you comfort, emotional healing and strength to get you through the mourning period.**
13. What are you trusting God for in your personal life?