

Big Idea: God proves his love by paying the price of the promise.

Just as Abraham was tested with four questions, we are tested with the same questions.

1. Do you love anything more than God? (1-4)

What lessons has God taught you that he has often tested you on? Are you being tested now? How?

List the top five loves in your life. Have you so wrapped your life around something that you love that you don't think you could live without it?

Do you find your identity in one or more of those things? Why is this dangerous?

Did God make the list? Where? Has God ever asked you for something you love? How did you respond?

Is there anything on your list that you would not give to God?

2. Will you worship God even when you don't know what he is doing? (5-6)

Describe a time when God required you to trust him when you had no idea what he was doing.

Worship involves surrendering your will to the will of God. Is it hard for you to pray, sing, or give to God right now because you don't like what he is requiring of you?

How would you worship him differently if you could see things from God's point of view?

3. Do you believe God will provide? (7-8)

It is in God's nature to provide for human need. Have you been waiting for God to provide something? If so, what?

Have you ever grown impatient with God and raced ahead to manufacture provision? How did that work for you?

Describe a time when God provided just in the nick of time.

4. Do you see the significance of the substitute? (9-18)

The story of Abraham becomes EPIC when you see Father Abraham as Father God sacrificing his only son to provide for the price of the promise.

What is the epic significance of Abraham's son Isaac in light of God's Son?

What is the epic significance of the wood Isaac was laid on?

What is the epic significance of the three day journey they made?

What is the epic significance of Moriah, the place where the sacrifice was made?

What is the epic significance of the ram sacrificed instead of Isaac?

God told Abraham to "lift up his eyes" to see the ram. In what way can you "lift up your eyes" to behold the Lamb of God?

The ram was "behind" Abraham. In what way can you turn toward him?

Do you ever test God's love for you? What has God done to pass the test?

Do you ever doubt the love of God for you? In light of what God has done in providing a sacrifice for your sin, do you ever have to doubt again?

Additional Scripture

- John 8:56
- Mathew 10:37
- Romans 12:1
- Hebrews 11:17-19
- Galatians 3:8-9
- James 2:21-23