**WALKING BY FAITH**

**(Genesis 22 & 23)**

**July 26, 2020**

**I. THE CHALLENGE OF TESTING (Genesis 22:1-2)**

 **A. Testing Comes From The Creator (Genesis 22:1)**

 **B. Testing Involves**

 **1. Being Stretched To The Limits**

 **2. Learning About Oneself**

 **3. Meant To Be Constructive**

 **C. Testing Reveals What's Real (Genesis 22:2; Romans 4:20-22)**

**II. THE PATH OF OBEDIENCE (Genesis 22:3-10)**

 **A. Marked By Obedience (Genesis 22:3)**

 **B. Marked By Trust (Genesis 22:4-8)**

 **1. Focused On God's Promise**

**(Genesis 22:4-5; Hebrews 11:17-19)**

**2. Focused On God's Provision (Genesis 22:6-8; John 3:16)**

 **C. Marked By Hope (Genesis 22:9-10)**

**III. THE COMFORT OF BLESSING (Genesis 22:11-29)**

 **A. Found Only In Relationship With The Lord**

**(Genesis 22:11-12; I Samuel 15:22)**

**B. Found Only In Redemption Through Jesus Christ (Genesis 22:13-14)**

 **1. Redemption - Yahweh**

 **2. Typology (Isaiah 53:7):**

Your son God's son Carried the wood Carried the cross Carried knife & fire God's justice to be satisfied 3 day journey 3 days in the tomb Father and son alone God and Jesus alone Innocent & willing Innocent & willing Mt. Moriah Jerusalem, temple & cross

 **C. Found Only In Trusting God's Promise (Genesis 22:15-19)**

**IV. A COUPLE OF DETAILS (Genesis 12:2-3)**

 **A. A Promised Nation (Genesis 22:20-24)**

 **B. A Promised Land (Genesis 23)**

**APPLICATIONS**

**1. Testing means to grow our relationship with God. God never sends situations that tear us down or harm us - that is satan's purpose. God's testing brings maturity to our walk with him (James 1:2-4).**

**2. God's testing helps us see our growth and areas we need to grow in. His purpose is always positive and this should encourage us to trust him through our testing times.**

**3. Focusing on God's promise should give us confidence and boldness to live through the difficult situations we find ourselves in.**

**Here are two of his promises to Believers: "Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 1:6).**

**"Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, 'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.' So we say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?'" (Hebrews 13:5-6).**

**Next Week: Genesis 24-25:18**