

# TESTED

## Part 4: The Test of Obedience

*Genesis 22:1 (ESV)*

<sup>1</sup>After these things **God tested Abraham** and said to him, “Abraham!”  
And he said, “Here I am.”

Authentic faith is always \_\_\_\_\_ faith.

Without \_\_\_\_\_, there is no real faith.

### How Abraham’s huge test challenges me:

Do I \_\_\_\_\_?

*Genesis 22:2 (ESV)*

<sup>2</sup>He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, **whom you love**, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.”

Do I have to \_\_\_\_\_ in order to obey?

*Hebrews 11:17-18 (ESV)*

<sup>17</sup>By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, <sup>18</sup>of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.”

Do I trust God \_\_\_\_\_?

*Hebrews 11:19 (ESV)*

<sup>19</sup>He considered that **God was able even to raise him from the dead**, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

Will I do \_\_\_\_\_?

*Genesis 22:10-12 (ESV)*

<sup>10</sup>Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.”

<sup>12</sup>He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for **now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.**”

*Deuteronomy 8:1-2 (ESV)*

<sup>1</sup>“The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. <sup>2</sup>And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, **testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not.**”

### 3 life-defining questions:

*What do I do when God commands me to do something I absolutely don't want to do?*

*What do I do when God calls me to give up something I absolutely want to keep?*

*What do I do when God's command is clear but His reason is not?*

How will I handle the test of obedience?

Like Abraham ...

Will I obey without \_\_\_\_\_?

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**Epilogue:** The Shadow of a Far Greater Sacrifice