**In Gen 22, When Your Season-Of-Testing Comes From God, Remember…**

**-Pastor Dan**

**#1) That He’s Been PREPARING You For Such A Time As This.**

*Some time later God tested Abraham.* Genesis 22:1a

**KEY: Satan Tempts You – God Tests You.**

**#2) That His Test REVEALS Your Heart And Wants To Draw You Closer To Him.**

*He said to him, “Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied.* ***2****Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of* ***Moriah****. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.”* Genesis 22:1b-2

(See James 2:21-22)

(See Matthew 10:37-38)

(See James 1:2-4)

**#3) That You’ll Need To Put Your Faith In ACTION.**

***3****Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about.****4****On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance.****5****He said to his servants, “Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you.”* Genesis 22:3-5

(See Hebrews 11:17-19)

***6****Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac,*

*and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together,****7****Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, “Father?” “Yes, my son?” Abraham replied. “The fire and wood are here,” Isaac said, “but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?”* ***8****Abraham answered, “God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them went on together.* ***9****When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.****10****Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.* Genesis 22:6-10

**#4) That He Is There, Will Intervene And PROVIDE For You.**

***11****But the angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied.* ***12****“Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son,* ***your only son****.”* Genesis 22:11-12

***13****Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ramcaught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son.* Genesis 22:13

**The substitutionary atonement** refers to Jesus Christ dying as a substitute for sinners. Jesus Christ died in our place when He was crucified on the cross. (See 2 Corinthians 5:21 & 1 Peter 3:18)

***14****So Abraham called that place The****Lord Will Provide****. And to this day it is said, “On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided.”*

Genesis 22:14

***15****The angel of the Lord called to Abraham from heaven a second time* ***16****and said, “I swear by myself, declares the Lord, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son,****17****I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore.*

*Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies,*

***18****and through your offspringall nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.”* ***19****Then Abraham returned to his servants, and they set off together for Beersheba. And Abraham stayed in Beersheba.* Genesis 22:15-19

**SIMILARITIES BETWEEN ISAAC AND JESUS…**