

“Blessings Beyond”

Have you ever been tested, and after, felt a blessing beyond belief?

Read Genesis 21:1-5.

Read Genesis 22:1-12.

1. After reading Genesis 21:1-5, how would you describe the scene?
 - A. Jubilation.
 - B. Troubling.
 - C. Anticipatory joy.
 - D. Unsettling.
 - E. Hopeful.
 - F. Surprising.
 - G. Awesome.
 - H. Depressing.
 - I. Other.

2. What was the promise God gave to Abraham and Sarah?
 - A. He was going to bless them with a son to be heir of the covenant.
 - B. God never promised them a blessing, they were hallucinating.
 - C. He promised them riches and world fame.
 - D. He offered them to be in heaven at Isaac's birth.
 - E. God promised them Isaac as a sign of His love for humanity.
 - F. He promised Abraham more children after Isaac.
 - G. God offered the promise of Jesus through Isaac's descendants.
 - H. Other.

3. What is the meaning of Genesis 22:2?
 - A. God wanted Isaac dead.
 - B. Abraham was getting a real strong test.
 - C. God is so happy with human sacrifice.
 - D. There is pain in doing God's will.
 - E. No one can understand the meaning of this verse.
 - F. God wanted to see if Abraham really loved his son.
 - G. Sarah was not to know what God said to Abraham.
 - H. Other.

4. What was the meaning of Abraham's speech in Genesis 22:3-5?
 - A. He wanted everyone to remain calm as he went to sacrifice Isaac.
 - B. He was not so sure about this worship service.
 - C. Abraham knew God would not let him kill his only son.
 - D. His desire was for this to be a covert operation.
 - E. He wanted to share his victory speech before the offering.
 - F. He was clearly hallucinating. He thought Isaac was coming back.
 - G. There is no intent here, just meaningless banter between his men.
 - H. Other.

5. What feelings come over you as you read Genesis 22:6-8?
 - A. Anxiousness.
 - B. Anticipation.
 - C. Hatred.
 - D. "Wow! Is this really gonna happen?"
 - E. Suspicion.
 - F. Confidence.
 - G. Envy.
 - H. Suspense.
 - I. Other.

6. In Genesis 22:9-12 what do you think was happening in Abraham and Isaac's minds?
 - A. Fear and awe.
 - B. Is this really happening?
 - C. This is so cool.
 - D. There is still a chance this doesn't happen.
 - E. Is God really here?
 - F. What do I tell Sarah when I return home?
 - G. There was simply trust in God, no doubt at all.
 - H. Other.

7. In what areas of your life do you still have faith issues?

8. What makes it hard to have faith in God?