The Test

"Some time later God tested Abraham."

-Genesis 22:1

"For you, O God, tested us; you refined us like silver."

-Psalm 66:10

"I have trusted in the Lord without wavering. Test me, O Lord, and try me, examine my heart and my mind."

-Psalm 26:1-2

"Then God said, 'Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about." -Genesis 22:2

"By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had received the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, even though God had said to him, 'It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.'"

-Hebrews 11:17-18

Abraham's Response

"Early the next morning Abraham got up and saddled 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." -Genesis 22:3

"Abraham reasoned that God could raise the dead,"

-Hebrews 11:19

"On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance."

-Genesis 22:4

Isaac's Response

"The fire and wood are here,' Isaac said, 'but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?' Abraham answered, 'God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.' And the two of them went on together."

-Genesis 22:7-8

Test To The Limit

"Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son."

-Genesis 22:10

Results of the Test

"Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son."

-Genesis 22:12

God's Response

"Abraham looked up and there in the thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son."

-Genesis 22:13

"I swear by myself, declares the Lord, that because you have done this an have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you. . . "

-Genesis 22:16-17

The Heart Of The Test

God Paints A Picture

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him will not perish but have eternal life."

-John 3:16

"The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

-John 1:29

Abraham Answers One Question:

What Will You Withhold From Me?

Next Week

You Must Answer One Question:

What Will You Withhold From Me?