

# Genesis THE STORY BEGINS

# Genesis 22

"Some time later God tested Abraham." -Genesis 22:1



## God Tests Us

"For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."

-Romans 15:4



## What Is Tested?

- •Thoughts Jeremiah 12:3
- Motives 1 Thessalonians 2:4
- Priorities *Deuteronomy 13:3*
- Actions Deuteronomy 8:2



## What Is Tested?

Everything that makes up your relationship with God



# Who Is Being Tested?

#### Not God.

"O Lord, you have searched me and you know me. . . you perceive my thoughts from afar. . Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O Lord."

-Psalm 139:1-4



# Who Is Being Tested?

You and I - To teach and change us.

"Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

-Psalm 139:23-24



### How Are We Tested?

- •Circumstances Judges 3:1
- •Adversity Isaiah 48:10
- •Commands Exodus 20:20
- •Interaction 2 Chronicles 32:31



# Recognize The Tests

- What Will You Withhold From Me?
- What Will You Give Up Last?
- •What Do You Trust The Most?
- What Are You Most Proud Of?



### **Understand The Tests**

The Goal Is A Deeper Relationship With God

The Deeper The Relationship, The More Intense The Testing





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