

Abraham Tested

The angel of the Lord called to Abraham from heaven a second time and said, “I swear by myself, declares the Lord, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, 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, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.”

Genesis 22:15-18



“Trust me.” were the words I said to my wife who was standing at the edge of the pool with her back to the water. You see, at that time, there was an ice tea commercial on television that showed individuals taking “the plunge”. I convinced my bride, who was inexperienced around water, to keep her back perfectly straight as she fell backwards into the pool. She hit the water with a loud SMACK.

“I’ll never trust you again!”, were her words to me as she surfaced.

“Trust Me.”, was at the heart of God’s request to Abraham when he asked Abraham to sacrifice Isaac. So much of Abraham’s hope was riding on the shoulders of Isaac. Isaac was the thread holding intact God’s promise of having descendants too numerous to count. Despite the apparent cost, Abraham trusted God. Trust is the foundation of our obedience to God. So take heart, God will never disappoint us when we take “the plunge” into His hands.

