

The Test of Faith

Scripture: Genesis 21:1-7; 22:1-19

Also: Galatians 3:28-29

Questions

1. What has challenged you, changed you or confused you from this week's sermon or the Scriptures in it?
2. Has a promise ever been made to you that wasn't kept?
3. Have you ever made a promise and not kept it?
4. The first points of the sermon were:
 - o God fulfills His promises at the appointed time
 - o The fulfillment of God's promises prompts obedience
 - o The fulfillment of God's promises prompts rejoicing
5. Can you share a time when you saw one of God's promises fulfilled?
 - o Was your response obedience and rejoicing?
 - o Each time you remember the fulfillment of His promise, does it renew your obedience & praise?
6. Can you share a time when you doubted God's promises? (NOTE: This is not a time for talking to people about why they should trust God. It is about creating a safe space to share their struggles.)
 - o Do you know why you doubted?
 - o What does your doubt teach you about God?
 - o What does your doubt teach you about yourself?
 - o Are your conclusions in harmony with what Scripture teaches?
7. Read Genesis 22:1. God tests His people.
 - o What do you think about that?
 - o If God has the right to test us (and He does), why does it bother people (why does it bother us) so much?
8. What are some of the blessings God gives?
9. What are some of our responsibilities as we receive those blessings?
10. Read Galatians 3:28-29. What does it mean to be Abraham's offspring and heir?

Ask God for help in being faithful to Him, even when His promises or instructions don't make sense. Ask Him about your specific situation if you are facing one now! And take some time to thank Him for being a faithful God of His Word and blesses abundantly!