

# BY FAITH WE TRUST

Hebrews 11:17-19

## MESSAGE RECAP

This week's message drives into the challenging story of Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son Isaac. This story emphasizes that authentic faith will be tested. Through Abraham's example, the message underscores the importance of surrendered obedience and the assurance that God's promises are never canceled. This type of faith helped Abraham believe that no matter what happened that day, God would provide. It was true on that day when Abraham and his son climbed the hill and it was true the day the Son of God, Jesus, climbed the same mountain with the cross on his back. By faith, we trust.

## GROUP DISCUSSION

1. How is your faith...really?
2. Read Genesis 22:1-2 and Hebrews 11:17-19. How do you feel about the story of Abraham and Isaac and the faith that it required?
3. Reflect on a time when your faith was tested. How did you respond? Did you find it difficult to trust God's plan or were you able to surrender to His will?
4. Read Genesis 22:3-6. Abraham demonstrated immediate obedience to God's command, even in the face of tremendous personal sacrifice. What are some practical ways we can cultivate a heart of trust and obedience in our lives?
5. Reading through Genesis 22:7-14 gives us a picture of how far Abraham was willing to go and how much God was going to provide. In what ways have you seen God provide for you?
6. Abraham's willingness to sacrifice Isaac foreshadows God's ultimate sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. What does it say about God that this is believed to be the same location? Read through Luke 23:44-49 and then reread Genesis 22:14.
7. How does this deepen your understanding of God's love and faithfulness? How does this compel you to deepen your faith?

## PRAY

*End your group time in prayer.*