

## Community Group Discussion Questions

“Soul Stretch”    Genesis 22:1-14    Oct 14/15

### Getting Started

The Christian life is best summarized as a road trip, where the destination is known, but the details of getting to that destination are unknown. There lies the tension, a destiny known (Heaven), but the details to that destiny unknown (Earth). The purpose of this message is to understand that this is not a problem to solve, but a tension to manage. How do we do that? Notice four sequential steps that determine the outcome of your faith through the object of your faith:

### Going Deeper

- I.    Request of God (1-2): No Explanation
  - A.    God’s Test: “God tested Abraham”  
In Genesis 12-21: There are 11 Tests of Abraham
  - B.    Abraham’s Trust: “Here I am”  
Key Reference: Genesis 12:1-7/Genesis 15:6

*Application:* His Promise requires Perseverance

What is the hardest or scariest thing God has ever asked you to do?

Have you ever thought that God’s testing of you is one of the ways He builds and increases your faith and strengthens your relationship with Him?

- I.    Readiness of Abraham (3-4): No Hesitation
  - A.    Planned with Urgency: “rose early in the morning” (3)
  - B.    Prepared with Expectancy: “cut the wood” (3)

*Application:* His Purpose demands Obedience

When God is directing you to do something, how do you go about deciding to obey Him?

What do you struggle with? What is your thought process like?

II. Restraint of Isaac (5-10): No Reservation

A. Bold Belief: “come again to you” (5)  
Key Reference: Hebrews 11:17-19

B. Bestowed Blessing: “bound Isaac his son” (9)

*Application:* His Placement seeks Confidence

Why does obeying God in hard things sometimes feel like death to us?

Why are we so afraid to do what God says?

III. Revelation of the Ram (11-14): No Adulation

A. Perfect Timing: “Abraham, Abraham” (11)

B. Proven Trust: “for now I know that you fear God” (12)

C. Prophetic Theme: “The Lord will provide, as it is said to this day” (14)

*Application:* His Provision creates Remembrance

How do you remember and celebrate God’s faithfulness to you?

How can you tell these stories in such a way that the next generation knows God is alive and working among them too, just as He has been with you?

*Take Away:* The journey of your life will have the tap back feature of “???” over it often, but know that in the midst of you seeking information there is a God that wants to give you revelation.

**Prayer Requests** Pray for God to give you faith and boldness.