Title: Soul Stretch  
Text: Genesis 22:1-14

Target: 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:

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

Application: His Promise requires Preserverance

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

Application: His Purpose demands Obedience

III. 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

IV. 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

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.