

## **“Blessings Beyond”**

Have you ever been tested, and after, felt a blessing beyond belief?

Read Genesis 21:1-5.

Read Genesis 22:1-12.

1. After reading Genesis 21:1-5, how would you describe the scene?
  - A. Jubilation.
  - B. Troubling.
  - C. Anticipatory joy.
  - D. Unsettling.
  - E. Hopeful.
  - F. Surprising.
  - G. Awesome.
  - H. Depressing.
  - I. Other.
  
2. What was the promise God gave to Abraham and Sarah?
  - A. He was going to bless them with a son to be heir of the covenant.
  - B. God never promised them a blessing, they were hallucinating.
  - C. He promised them riches and world fame.
  - D. He offered them to be in heaven at Isaac’s birth.
  - E. God promised them Isaac as a sign of His love for humanity.
  - F. He promised Abraham more children after Isaac.
  - G. God offered the promise of Jesus through Isaac’s descendants.
  - H. Other.
  
3. What is the meaning of Genesis 22:2?
  - A. God wanted Isaac dead.
  - B. Abraham was getting a real strong test.
  - C. God is so happy with human sacrifice.
  - D. There is pain in doing God’s will.
  - E. No one can understand the meaning of this verse.
  - F. God wanted to see if Abraham really loved his son.
  - G. Sarah was not to know what God said to Abraham.
  - H. Other.

4. What was the meaning of Abraham's speech in Genesis 22:3-5?
  - A. He wanted everyone to remain calm as he went to sacrifice Isaac.
  - B. He was not so sure about this worship service.
  - C. Abraham knew God would not let him kill his only son.
  - D. His desire was for this to be a covert operation.
  - E. He wanted to share his victory speech before the offering.
  - F. He was clearly hallucinating. He thought Isaac was coming back.
  - G. There is no intent here, just meaningless banter between his men.
  - H. Other.
  
5. What feelings come over you as you read Genesis 22:6-8?
  - A. Anxiousness.
  - B. Anticipation.
  - C. Hatred.
  - D. "Wow! Is this really gonna happen?"
  - E. Suspicion.
  - F. Confidence.
  - G. Envy.
  - H. Suspense.
  - I. Other.
  
6. In Genesis 22:9-12 what do you think was happening in Abraham and Isaac's minds?
  - A. Fear and awe.
  - B. Is this really happening?
  - C. This is so cool.
  - D. There is still a chance this doesn't happen.
  - E. Is God really here?
  - F. What do I tell Sarah when I return home?
  - G. There was simply trust in God, no doubt at all.
  - H. Other.
  
7. In what areas of your life do you still have faith issues?
  
8. What makes it hard to have faith in God?