

I. God can bring HUGE tests
into a disciple's life

A. His HUGE tests can be:

1. Heart-wrenching
2. Unreasonable
3. Gift-grabbing
4. Evident: (concerning
obedience)

Prov 27:11a; Job 1:13-19;
Luke 2:35b; II Cor 5:21;
Matt 27:45-46; I Sam 4:19;
II Sam 12:6; Ex 2:11-15;
Acts 13:11; Job 1:8;
Dan 6:1ff; Gen 39:7-20;
Prov 27:6; Gen 17:19;
Gen 21:1-3; Ps 127:3;
James 1:17; Rom 11:28-29;
Job 1:21-22; 2:10
John 10:28; 14:15-17a;
Rom 8:38-39; Ps 103:17;
Ps 103:11-12; I Thess 4:17;
Matt 26:36-39

B. Even though we don't see them,
God has purposes for
tests

James 1:13-14; Heb 11:17;
I Cor 10:13; John 2:25;
Jer 17:9; James 2:21-22;
Rom 8:32; II Sam 24:18;
II Chron 3:1;
Matt 27:45-46; John 1:29

II. When there's a death sentence, there's
only One Hope

A. There's only One with
resurrection power

Heb 11:17-19;
Ps 62:1-2, 5-8;
II Cor 1:8-10

B. He has promised to give us
life; He is faithful and able

John 11:25-26a;
Heb 6:13-19a

III. God will provide what we need

A. We decide to obey

Job 13:15a; 19:25-27a

B. When you get to the mountain,
it will be provided

Josh 3:14-17

Care Group Questions

“A HUGE Test”
Text: Gen 22:1-19

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2. As a group, review as much as you collectively know about the life of Abraham up to chapter 22 of Genesis (e.g. about how old is he, how old is Isaac, what have been some of the tests he has faced so far, what has God told him, etc.)
3. What was especially heart-wrenching about what God asked Abraham to do? Can you think of anything God could have asked that would have been more difficult, heart-wise?
4. Why might this command seem unreasonable to Abraham or to those of us reading the account?
5. Wasn’t Isaac a gift from God? Can He do that, just take gifts away from us that He gave? What about Romans 11:29?
6. Can you list a number of parallels between this incident and another wherein a Father also must sacrifice His Son? Some differences?
7. Can you suggest some of the possible questions Abraham might have asked himself as he was preparing to obey God? According to Hebrews 11:17-19, what did he finally conclude?
8. When (at what point in the story) did Abraham’s victory in this test happen? When do victories in our lives happen?
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