

Wednesday Adult Bible Study
'Faithful at Every Step'

Wednesday, December 11, 2019

12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

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Genesis 22:2 (NIV)

² Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love— Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.”

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“Then God said, “Take your only son, Isaac, the son you love. Go to the land of Moriah. There kill him and offer him as a whole burnt offering. Do this on one of the mountains there. I will tell you which one.””

Our difficulty in following God is not that we don't know His will. Our discomfort comes from the fact we **do know** His will, but we do not want to do it.

When God first spoke to Abraham, His commands were straightforward,

“Go to the land I will show you” (Gen. 12:1).

Then God led Abraham through a number of tests over the years. Abraham learned patience as he waited for God's promise of a son to be fulfilled, which took 25 years.

Abraham learned to trust God through battles with kings and through the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah.

The pinnacle of Abraham's walk of faith was when God asked him to sacrifice the one thing that meant more to him than anything else.

Abraham's previous obedience indicated that he would have quickly and decisively sacrificed anything else God asked of him, ...

.....but was he prepared for this?

God did not ask Abraham to make such a significant sacrifice at the beginning of their relationship. Rather, it came more than 30 years after Abraham began walking with God.

God taught Abraham to trust Him step-by-step.

As the Father progressively reveals His ways to us as we walk up streets of stress and down thru the valley of the shadow of death. Like Abraham, we will develop a deeper level of trust in Him.

When you first became a Christian, your Master's instructions were probably fundamental, such as being baptized or changing your lifestyle.

But as you learn to trust Him more deeply, He will develop our character to match bigger tests, and with the greater tests will come a greater love for God and a greater knowledge of His ways.

Are we ready for God's next revelation?

As God leads us in our Christian growth, He will allow challenges in our lives that match our character and relationship with Him.

God will not totally change your character at once when you become a Christian.

Rather, He will lead you through a process to become more like His Son. He will keep working in an area of our lives until it is controlled by the Holy Spirit.

We may eagerly desire maturity in every area of your character, but steady, gradual growth is more lasting.

God will not take shortcuts in His process of making us like Christ. Because He sees our lives from the perspective of eternity, God will take as long as necessary to produce lasting spiritual growth in us! **9**

We must never become impatient while God is producing Christ-like-ness in “us”!

Do not seek more responsibilities than those that God has given you.

Obey all you know that He is asking and He will lead you at a pace that fits your present character and His purposes for you.

Great Questions For Growing Disciples

1. What aspects of God's will are you currently struggling with?
2. Why is this step of faith for you?
3. What has been the scariest step of faith so far in your walk with God?
4. What made it so significant?
5. How did God prove faithful?

6. How has your character been conformed more to the likeness of Jesus through steps of obedience?
7. What qualities of your character are clearly the results of God's work in you?
8. What was the most meaningful statement or Scripture you read today?
9. Reword the statement or Scripture into a prayer of response to God.
10. What does God want you to do in response to today's study?