

Genesis: Back to Obedience
The Greatest Test of Faith
Genesis 22:1-19

Solving complex mathematical equations starts with being able to count. Writing novels that tell inspiring stories begins with knowing the alphabet. Composing symphonies begins with a basic understanding notes on a scale. Masterpiece paintings starts with a simple color palette. The best teachers are those who remain teachable. The best leaders are those who remain leadable. The most trusting people are those who remain trustworthy. The greatest acts of faith have always been demonstrated by the people who succeeded in the smallest acts of faith.

1. We should expect tests from God.
2. We should focus on promises, not explanations.
3. We should depend on God's provision.
4. We should seek to glorify Christ.
5. We should look forward to what God has for us.

The founder of the Inland China Mission, J. Hudson Taylor, used to hang in his home a plaque with two Hebrew words: Ebenezer and Jehovah-Jireh. Ebenezer means Stone of Help and recognizes that in everything up to this point the Lord has helped us. Jehovah-Jireh means the Lord will see to it and recognizes that from this point forward the Lord will provide. Either way, whether we look back or ahead, we recognize that the Lord is at work and we have nothing to fear.