

## SUNDAY SERVICE 4-16-23

### REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. Genesis 22 and the sacrifice of Isaac is a challenging passage. The tension arises out of the fact that it seems to be out of God's character to require the death of a child/boy in worship/obedience to Him. We picture Isaac as innocent and pure. In a deeper sense, it is this injustice and the requirement of death - seen in Isaac - a picture of Christ - and how God works that makes this passage so powerful.
2. God tests Abraham by asking him to give up his greatest earthly possession. What things or people, that we value greatly, have the greatest possibility of impeding our relationship with God?
3. James says that our tests, if we let them, produce greater faith and Christian maturity. Discuss how this works.
4. The theme of this passage is that God provides. Discuss how God has provided for you (your family) physically and spiritually.
5. Abraham was holding onto the promise of God that through Isaac he would father a great nation. How would this carry him through his ordeal? What promises do we need to be reminded of when we face challenging circumstances in our own lives?



**SEEING JESUS**

**in the Old Testament**