

“LAYING YOUR ISAAC DOWN”

Genesis 22:1-18

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DURING THE GREATEST ACT OF OBEDIENCE KNOWN TO MANKIND,
GOD'S PLAN AND PURPOSE FOR ABRAHAM IS:

1. Not to TRIP him up so he can watch him FALL

Genesis 22:2

“Take your son, your only son--yes, Isaac, whom you love so much--and go to the land of Moriah, go and sacrifice him as a burnt offering on one of the mountains which I will show you.”

2. To deepen his CAPACITY to OBEY God

Genesis 22:3

The next morning Abraham got up early. He saddled his donkey and took two of his servants with him, along with his son, Isaac.

3. To DEVELOP his FAITH

Genesis 22:8

“God will provide a sheep for the burnt offering, my son,” Abraham answered. And they both walked on together.

4. To PROVE to him that he LOVED God more than he loved his long awaited SON

Genesis 22:10

And Abraham picked up the knife to kill his son as a sacrifice.

5. To DEEPEN his commitment to God's TIMING and to show his divine ABILITY and CAPACITY to PROVIDE

Genesis 22:11-14

[11] *At that moment the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven...*

[12] *Don't lay a hand on the boy! Do not hurt him in any way, for now I know that you truly fear God. You have not withheld from me even your son, your only son.*

[13] *Then Abraham looked up and saw a ram caught by its horns in a thicket. So he took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering in place of his son.*

[14] *Abraham named the place Yahweh-Yireh.*