

Discussion / Reflection Guide -- “Willing to Surrender”
Week of January 28, 2018

Read Genesis 22, Hebrews 11:17-19 & Luke 14:25-27

- God asked Abraham to do the unthinkable (Gen. 22:2). God asked Abraham to surrender that which was most precious to him -- total surrender!
- Jesus said we need to be willing to make a total surrender if we want to follow Him (Luke 14:25-27). That’s tough.
 - Why are we often reluctant to surrender to God that which is precious to us?
 - Why would God ask us to be willing to do this?
- How did Abraham respond to God’s request? (Gen. 22:3) What was Abraham thinking? (Gen. 22:5, 14; Heb. 11:19) What does this tell us about Abraham’s faith in God?
- Bible scholars believe Isaac was in his early 20’s in Gen. chapter 22. Assuming this is true, he probably could have “fought off” his 100 year old father if he wanted, but did not. He submitted (Gen. 22:9). What does his submission say about the faith of this family?
- God didn’t actually want Abraham to sacrifice Isaac, just be *willing* to do so (Gen. 22:13-14). Why is this important?
- God blessed Abraham because he was obedient, because he was willing (Gen. 22:16-17). Have you had to “surrender” something precious in obedience to God? Have you been asked to at least be willing? How did God bless you as a result of your willingness?