

## **WEEK 4 - INSPIRED SACRIFICE**

*November 15, 2015 / Genesis 22*

**BIG IDEA:** Abraham has seen the vision, he has prayed and responded in belief, he has tried to work his own way with his own stuff and he has surrendered to God's way and God's Lordship. Now the question is - Does he have the faith that God will really complete the vision? God is going to put Abraham's faith to the test – taking him beyond his comfort zone to inspire in him to make a sacrifice. But here is the key – God himself provides the sacrifice. Through the faith and sacrifice of His people, God moves the vision forward.

### **God's Test of Abraham's Faith**

**Genesis 22:1-8**

- Abraham's test is to reveal his faith that God will COMPLETE what He has promised.
- God often demands from us what matters MOST to us.
- Abraham trusts in God's FAITHFULNESS as a covenant keeper.

### **The Sacrifice**

**Genesis 22:9-14**

- Abraham goes all the way, trusting God to PROVIDE a sacrifice.
- Jesus was not spared because Jesus is the SACRIFICE God provides for each of us.
- God is calling on each of us to do something heroic - a FAITH commitment.

### **Moving the Vision Forward**

**Genesis 22:15-19**

- God always accomplishes His GOALS working through His people

*Will you let Him work through you?*

*Next weekend – Faith Commitment & First Fruits Weekend*

**Family Connection:**

Preschool-K: Do you have things that you can share to help other people?

Grades 1-5: What are you willing to give up to help South Shores help others?

Grades 6-12: What are some of the hardest sacrifices you've had to make in your life? What type of sacrifices might you be willing to make to see the INSPIRED Vision succeed?