Trusting God

Greg Kline · Genesis 22:1–14

INTRODUCTION

- I think the best example of trust, perhaps, is between a parent and a child.
- In our relationship with God, we're fortunate that God wants to catch us.
- He wants to not only catch us, but pick us up, no matter how far down we've been pushed.

1 Abraham, a Man Who Trusted in God

Genesis 22:1–14

- If there was a man who trusted in God, it was Abraham.
- Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering.
- Isaac was the promised son. This is the son that Abraham and Sarah had been waiting for.
- Abraham said, God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.
- God intervened, and Abraham trusted that would happen all along.

2 Do You Trust God Enough to Obey Him?

Hebrews 11:8–10; 1 John 3:13–18

- It is the ultimate love, that which says, I will act first, knowing you will be there for me.
- There's two types of trust, particularly with God, and we exercise the first one pretty well, and that's a trust in obedience.
- By faith, Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out not knowing where he was going.
- Hasn't he called us to a life where we don't know where its end result is?
- Let us not love in word or talk, but in deed and in truth.
- If I trust that God who provided that for me will continue to, it's easier.

3 Allow God to Be in Control of Your Life

Romans 12:1–2

- Trust means you would trust someone enough, you would allow them to be in control of your life.
- Truly believing in God and truly trusting in him means you'll allow him to pilot your own life.
- As they obeyed the commands, they were able to negotiate the course and cross the finish line, depending solely on the sighted skiers' word.
- Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind.
- It is complete trust in saying, God, this day, this moment, I will do what you asked, no more questions.
- I will run and I will jump, and I know that you will catch me.

4 God Is Not Bound by Our Minds

Hebrews 11:17–19; Ephesians 3:20

- Do you have enough trust in God to let him set you on a completely different course than you ever imagined?
- He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.
- Sometimes we limit God to what we know.
- We need to recognize that God is not bound by our minds.
- God can find substitutes for you in your times of trouble.
- You might think that you burned that bridge, but God can set that fire out and restore it better than new.

THE CHALLENGE

Recognize God is so great. God is so powerful. And God wants to catch you. If you will just reach out your hand, no matter how painful or how difficult the situation may seem.

MY NOTES