

Sunday Morning | August 28, 2016

FANTASTIC SUMMER

Sundays

"YOUR TRIAL, GOD'S PLAN"

GENESIS 22:1

I. INEVITABLE REALITY OF OUR LIVES

TRUTH: For the Christian there is great hope in the midst of profound tragedy... It's all a question of perspective (Romans 8:35-37 LB).

TRUTH: The ability to go through a trial and not get stuck in the trial is: perspective.

WHAT DO WE DO?

II. GOD'S CHOSEN EXAMPLE

TRUTH: God put Abraham through the most unimaginable test for any man at any time (Genesis 22:1).

TRUTH: A basic tenet of Jehovah was abhorrence of child sacrifice as worship (Jeremiah 32:35).

TRUTH: Abraham trusted the heart of God to bless in the midst of the trial. He didn't know what but he trusted nonetheless (Genesis 22:6).

TRUTH: Abraham learned those who follow God have their love for God tested.

INSIGHT: When we believe God is sovereign and keeps His promises, we can face the most severe tests of life (Psalm 30:6-7, 11 LB).

INSIGHT: God will test our faith in His goodness.

III. GOD'S POSSIBLE PLAN IN YOUR TRIAL

1. Trials test our heart (2 Chronicles 32:31).
2. Trials humble us (2 Corinthians 12).
3. Trials break our reliance on anything but God.

INVITATION: God has a plan for your life. Do you want God's plan for you? His resources? Can you say this is your response in your trial (Habakkuk 3:17ff)?