

# “Why the Trials?”

Genesis 22:1-19

## I. So That we will Encounter God Through the *Experience* of Faith

### A) Time of Shock

Genesis 22:1-2

- ▶ Abraham had been here before
- ▶ Abraham’s past had prepared him

### B) Time of Silence

### C) Time of Encounter

Genesis 22:9-12, 13-14

### D) Time of Experience

Genesis 22:12; Psalm 34:8

- You need to experience that God is really \_\_\_\_\_.
- The lesson is not “Wow, my faith is stronger than I thought” the lesson = “Wow, God is \_\_\_\_\_ than I thought.”

**Quote** - *“There is a difference between having a rational judgment that honey is sweet, and having a sense of its sweetness.*

## II. To Incorporate ‘Our Story’ with the BIG Story

### A) Suffering is a Shared Experience

1 Peter 4:12-13

### B) Every Christian story is a part of HIS-TORY

Revelation 6:10-11

Genesis 22:7-8

Isaiah 53:11 2 Corinthians 1:3-5

When our story becomes a part of His – Story we share in His \_\_\_\_\_ and His \_\_\_\_\_.

## III. To Learn to Rely on God

2 Corinthians 1:7-10