

THE MOUNTAINS ARE CALLING

Genesis 22:1-18
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INTRODUCTION

1. Mountains in the Bible
2. Mount Moriah

A. GOD'S PLAN

1. Uncertain **point** (22:1a)
2. Unspecified **purpose** (22:1b)
3. Unthinkable **pain** (22:2)

B. ABRAHAM'S PERSPECTIVES

1. Unwavering **obedience** (22:3-4)
2. Unquestionable **object** (22:5)
3. Unbelievable **outcome**

CONCLUSION

TABLE TALK QUESTIONS

1. Jesus used the waters, oceans, and seashores to teach and perform miracles. But there's something about mountains in the Bible. As a matter of fact, God's abode is in the heavens, but when He chooses to appear close to His people, the mountains are His choice of location. What's so special with the mountains that make it a pivotal place to God and His people.
2. Read Genesis 22:1. How do you describe the timing and content of God's approach to Abraham? In what way have you experienced the uncertain time and unknown purpose of the trials that God allowed in your life? Describe how you felt when this happened.
3. Read Genesis 22:2. Spend some time studying this verse and parse God's words to Abraham, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love." What is the underlying meaning of each part of this verse and the unthinkable loss and pain Abraham had to go through?"
 - Take your son
 - Your only son
 - Whom you love
4. Read Genesis 22:3-5. How did this passage reflect Abraham's obedience and faith in God?
5. How did this passage provide an amazing outcome after Abraham demonstrated faith, obedience and undivided focus on God?
6. Genesis 22 seems to indicate two sides of the same mountain. Abraham's side and God's side. Abraham could not see what God is doing on the other side, and yet God was orchestrating a perfect outcome that will be pivotal for His purpose and plans. What's your personal 'mountain' during this time and how can you apply the principles Abraham demonstrated in obeying God?
7. Close the meeting by praying for one another.