

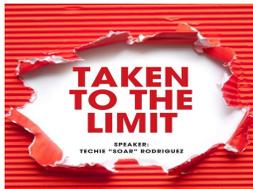
TAKEN TO THE LIMIT

A Lord's Flock Worship Topic

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God must have taken Abraham to the limit of obedience when He asked for Isaac (Abraham's only and promised son) as a burnt offering. On our end, God might have purposely taken us to the limit because He has sought obedience to test our faithfulness and our love for Him; in return, His reward is abundance and bountiful blessings.



1. My God, the Promise Keeper, kept His word.

(Gen. 21:1-3).

1.1. We have seen and realized the promises that we claimed especially when we obey God.

1.2. God kept his promise to Abraham by allowing his wife Sarah, a barren woman, to bear a child and give birth to Isaac at the age of 90 years old.

1.3. Abraham immediately followed God's instructions to leave everything behind including his wealth and proceeded to the designated place of worship (Gen. 22:3-5).

1.4. God sought the obedience of Abraham to the limit (Jn. 14:21) and made a promise to provide bountiful blessings (i.e. being called the Father of many nations, making Abraham's name great, to become a blessing to others).

2. He kept His word, and it happened at God's determined time.

2.1. God's promises to Abraham were announced and were fulfilled in God's time. Abraham had to wait for 25 years for God's promise to be fulfilled.

2.2. Not one of God's promises to Israel failed because everything was revealed (Josh. 21:45).

2.3. All of God's words were revealed and will be realized (Isa.55:9).

2.4. If we are waiting for God's promise, He will certainly keep it.

2.5. The Lord has done what He planned (Lam. 21:17; Eze. 12:28). His plans bring goodness and prosperity (Jer. 29).

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2.6. The blessed Mother said, "I am a servant of the Lord. Be it done to me according to Thy word (Lk. 1:38)

3. God intervenes (Gen. 22:12). "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son."

4. Life is a test.

4.1. Tests which are part of life cannot be avoided. They come from different events, situations and moments to be experienced in every aspect of our life.

4.2. Big and small tests happened to Job, David, Moses, and Joseph among others.

4.3. God will test us, but He will never tempt us.

4.4. Tests are designed for growth,

4.4.1. to prove our faith, our hope, and genuine commitment.

4.4.2. to testify about our victory over trials.

4.5. God will not test us if we are not prepared.

4.6. Those who overcome temptations and tests are blessed.

5. God is looking for F.A.T. people.

5.1.1. **Faithful.** We fulfill what we promised to God to serve Him in every circumstance.

5.2.2. **Available.** We must be available for God to use us, release things that we cherish and serve Him.

5.2.3. **Teachable.** We need to be humble for us to be taught and corrected.

6. Our confidence in God should be enhanced.

6.1. Developing a personal relationship with God

6.2. Knowing what God delights in and saddens Him

6.3. Finding ways on how to submit to God

6.4. Reflecting on our trust in Him

7. Our obedience is taken to the Limit.

If we love God, we keep His commands (Jn. 14:15).

As we love Christ, we will be loved by the Father and will show Himself to us (Jn. 14:21).

Conclusion: God is seeking obedience, not sacrifice, all because of love.

Reflection: What is keeping you from total obedience to God?

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