

## **Trusting God with Your Children** ***Genesis 22:1-18; Hebrews 11:17-19*** **Outline**

**Introduction:** Parenting our children well and then letting them go is one of the most challenging and most important things about parenting. It is absolutely necessary. So how can parents let go and entrust their children to God? Is there a biblical model that parents can follow? The story of parents Abraham and Sara and their son Isaac is a powerful teaching tool for us.

### **Abraham believed that Isaac was a miraculous gift from God. Genesis 21:1-3**

#### **Abraham entrusted his son's life and his future to God. Genesis 22:1-3a**

1. Abraham obeyed God's command in faith and without delay.
2. Abraham released his son to God. Hebrews 11:17-18
3. Abraham's faith was in God's promises to him and to his family. Genesis 22:5

#### **Abraham showed his son Isaac what it meant to trust God. Genesis 22:6-8**

1. Abraham walked up the mountain of testing with Isaac.
2. Abraham answered Isaac's question in faith.

#### **Abraham's faith was proved through the giving of his son to God. Genesis 22:9-14**

1. Abraham received God's provision at the eleventh hour.
2. Abraham proved his faithfulness to God through a real life-and-death experience.
3. Abraham saw God provide a saving substitute.
4. Abraham received Isaac figuratively back from the dead because he believed that God could raise his son from the dead. Hebrews 11:19

#### **Abraham and Isaac were blessed by God because Abraham trusted God and Isaac trusted in his father's God. Genesis 22:15-18**

**Conclusion: Six Powerful Parenting Principles**

1. Your children are a gift from God whether or not they came according to your plans, whether or not they are easy to raise, and whether or not they are fulfilling your expectations.
2. Release your children and entrust their lives and futures to God, claiming in His promises over them.
3. When times of testing hit you, become a living example to your children of someone who completely trusts God.
4. When your children ask questions about their life's plan, point them to God who is totally trustworthy.
5. As a parent, find courage for every test by remembering what God has promised you.
6. As a parent, become the spiritual leader in your family and claim God's blessing for your children.