“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