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TRIAL

TEST

TEMPT

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. (James 1:2-4)

I pass spiritual tests by being 22:1-3

You must not [human sacrifice] (Deuteronomy 12:31)

Seek first God's Kingdom and His righteousness (Matthew 6:33)

This is the most important commandment: You must love the Lord your God with all your heart; and with all your soul; and with all your mind; and with all your strength. (Mark 12:30)

I pass spiritual tests by being 22:4-8

Sarah will bear you a son, and you will call him Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him. (Genesis 17:19)

By faith Abraham, when God tested him... He who had embraced the promises... Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead. (Hebrews 11:17-19)

He has given us great and precious promises. (2 Peter 1:3-4)

I pass spiritual tests by being 22:9-14

My God shall supply all you need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:19)

I pass spiritual tests by 22:15-24

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For personal reflection or group discussion

1. Give an example of a Trial, a Test, and a Temptation. How are they different?
2. Read James 1:2-4. Why is it helpful to remember that it is really my faith, not something else, that is being tested?
3. Why is it better to have faith based on promises, rather than on commands? What are some essential foundations that are needed for a promise-based relationship to be successful?
4. Hagar didn't see the nearby well of water (Gen.21). Abraham didn't see the ram behind him (Gen.22). What do I need to do (more of, or less of) in order to have clearer insight?
5. Jehovah Jireh means 'The Lord my Provider'. What items do you think are at the top-of-the-list of things God wants to provide for you?
6. Is there any correlation of your answers to questions 5 and 6?
7. "It wasn't Isaac who needed to go onto the sacrificial altar; it was Abraham." How could this statement be true?

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