

2. Abraham’s confidence in God’s promises and God’s character were the secret to His surrender and rewards.

“He {Abraham} staggered not at the promises of God through unbelief, but was strong in faith, giving to God; being fully persuaded that what He promised He was able also to perform.”

Romans 4:20-21

“And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for He who comes to God must believe that He exists and is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”

Hebrews 11:6

3. Abraham’s life reveals that surrender is the channel through which God’s biggest and best blessings flow.

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.”

Romans 12:1

Surrender is the key to experiencing true spirituality.

John 2:24-25

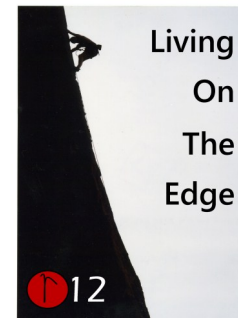
POINT OF APPLICATION

What does God want most from you and me?

1. All I am, All I have
2. He wants me by faith to say, “Lord, I’m ALL IN !”

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Before today’s message, how would you have defined what God most wants from you?
2. What personal life lesson do you hear most loudly from Abraham’s spiritual exams?
3. If blessing flows through the channel of surrender, how is the flow?
 - ◆ The riverbed is dry ◆ The steam is a trickle
 - ◆ A babbling brook ◆ Swift and steady current
 - ◆ Whitewater ahead ◆ A tremendous torrent



ABRAHAM

Learning To Give God

What He Wants the Most

Genesis 22

RULES VS. RELATIONSHIP

FATHER VS. SCOREKEEPER

True Spirituality is built on the principle of relationship—not rules.

True Spirituality begins with an accurate picture of God.

1. Abraham’s journey reveals what God wants most from each of us.

Will you trust me with your future?

- Test #1 Famine: Will you trust me to **protect** you?
- Test #2 Greed: Will you trust me to **provide** for you?
- Test #3 Prosperity: Will you trust me with your possessions?
- Test #4 Courage: Will you trust me to fulfill my **promises**?
- Test #5 Timing: Will you trust me by **patiently** enduring?
- Test #6 Obedience: Will you trust me when what I ask doesn’t **make sense**?
- Test #7 The Final Exam: Will you trust me with **everything** and **everyone** in your life?