

### For Further Study

(Please use on your own, with a friend, or in your small group.)

1. Do you believe God tests genuine Christians? Has God tested you? Read the following Scriptures and notice the emphasis on testing (or trials):

Genesis 22.1-2; Deuteronomy 8.2, 16; Deuteronomy 13.3; Judges 2.22; Judges 3.1, 4; 2 Chronicles 32.31; Job 7.18; Job 23.10; Psalm 11.4-5; Psalm 17.3; Psalm 26.2; Psalm 66.10; Psalm 105.19; Psalm 139.23; Proverbs 17.3; Proverbs 27.21; Isaiah 48.10; Jeremiah 11.20; Jeremiah 12.3; Jeremiah 17.10; Jeremiah 20.12; Romans 5.4; 2 Corinthians 2.9; 2 Corinthians 8.2; 1 Thessalonians 2.4; Hebrews 2.18; Hebrews 11.17; James 1.2-4, 12; 1 Peter 1.7; 1 Peter 4.12; and Revelation 3.10

Are there some of these Scriptures that you would like to understand better? Reading the context of the verse will help you with this. Go back and read the entire chapter or chapters around the verse. In some cases reading the whole Book will be most helpful, e.g. read all of the Book of Job.

2. Now think deeply about your own walk with the Lord. Has God tested you? Is He testing you now? If so, how has/is He done/doing that? Take some notes as you think about this. Relate your own experiences back to the Bible and the passages about testing and trials above. Pray to God about these tests you have experienced. Ask Him to make you an obedient learner.
3. Why do we believe Isaac was at least 30 years old in Genesis 22? Do some math! Read Genesis 23.1. How old was Sarah when she died? Now read Genesis 17.17. How old is Sarah? We believe Sarah gave birth to Isaac just a little while after the age she was in Genesis 17.17. So if Isaac was born when Sarah was \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 17.17) how old would Isaac be when Sarah died at \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 23.1)? Isaac would be \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 22.1-14).

Want to check your math? Pastor Mark holds the answer key.

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Share what you are learning with a friend and pray for one another.