

Does God sometimes have unrealistic demands?
Genesis 22:1-19
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Introduction

Questions: Why would God issue such a command?
Is this not a twisted way to teach a lesson?
What would prompt Abraham to agree to this?

Understanding God's Uniqueness

Common sense explanation: God didn't go through with it.
Genesis 22:1

➤ Problem: God still said it; therefore, it seems twisted.

Theological explanation: God is good; therefore, the result was going to be good. Genesis 21:12-13; Hebrews 11:17-19

➤ Application: I need to have faith in God's goodness when He asks me to do something illogical.

➤ Problem: Nonbelievers find this logic to be warped.

Cultural explanation: God is showing a different form of worship.

- What is God saying?
It is a declaration of God's love and uniqueness.

- Application: I need to reflect God's goodness and grace into the culture.

God's uniqueness amplified: God offered His Son.
Genesis 22:8, 14; John 3:16

- Application: I need to surrender everything to God.