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***Recap of 10/5/08:***

*1. Abraham faced the greatest test of faith in his life in Genesis 22. God was testing him to prove and increase his faith. What to Abraham must have seemed a most severe trial was in fact a moment of great promise and hope.*

*2. God tests our faith today for much the same reasons. According to James 1:2-4, trials build perseverance and cause our faith to mature. Peter similarly, in 1 Peter 1:6,7, says that trials prove the genuineness of our faith and our proper response to them will bring glory to Jesus when He returns.*

*3. Lessons about true worship from Genesis 22 (by Dr. Allen Ross):*

*-faith obeys completely the Word of God*

*-faith surrenders the best to God, holding nothing back*

*-faith waits on the Lord to provide all one’s needs.*

**“Faith and the Future”**

**Genesis 22:20-23:20**

 I. The family tree 22:20-24

 II. The family plot 23:1-20