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Genesis 22:1-18

When God asks us to surrender our will to His, it's our job to trust He will show us the way ([Prov. 3:5-6](#)). I've learned that, while it's a struggle to put everything on the altar, we don't have to understand *how* God will accomplish His plans. Telling God "no" because we first want to understand *why* amounts to getting in our own way. But when we say "yes," He can pour out His goodness and reward our obedience.

Today's passage shows a remarkable example of relinquishment. Abraham's deep faith in God's trustworthiness allowed him to obey and offer up what was most precious to him: his son Isaac. As a result, the Lord provided a substitutionary sacrifice that day and also promised Abraham countless descendants, one of whom would be Jesus Christ, the Savior of mankind.

God shouldn't be mistaken for a parent who withholds a treat until the child complies. Rather, obedience positions us to receive what He is already trying to give us—and to accomplish what He has in mind for our life. So, when we fail to trust God enough to do what He says, we could be closing ourselves off from those good things.

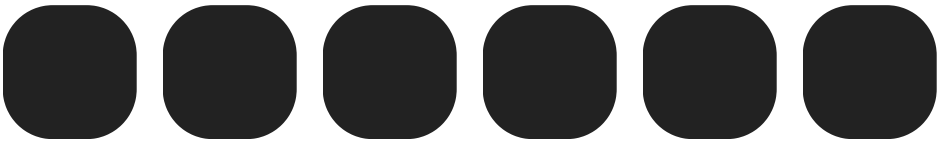
What has the Lord told you to do? Have you only partially cooperated, or have you relinquished your need to understand and obeyed completely? If the Lord says to give, know that you too can

trust Him to provide.

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