

Big Idea: Love is Proved by what I Do

"The greatest love you can have for your friends is to give your life for them."

john15/13tev

There were four tests in Abraham's life meant to test and reveal his character:

- 1) Test of Fervor- "Do you really Love Me?"
- 2) Test of Reliance- "Do you really Trust Me?"
- 3) Test of Humility- "Do you want the Best For Me?"
- 4) Test of Greed- "Will you Sacrifice for Me?"

Lesson from the Test of Fervor:

If I Love, I will Do

"The Lord said to Abram, "Leave ... and go ..." genesis12/1

"every husband must love his wife as himself, and every wife must respect her husband." ephesians5/33

Husbands: "Do I love my wife enough to Die For Her?"

Wives: "DO I love my husband enough to Live For Him?"

"The person who knows my commandments and keeps them, that's who loves me. And the person who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and make myself plain to him." john14/21theMessage

God gives commands to Reveal Sin- romans3/20; romans7/7

God gives commands to Reveal Faith- genesis22/9>12; romans4/3

God gives commands to Restrain Sin- levticus19/14

Commands cannot Change Hearts

Commands cannot Create Righteousness

Commands can only Point To Christ

I must Live A Life that Proves My Love

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law." galatians5/22>23