

Big Idea: If I love you, I will Sacrifice For You

"Abram heard that his nephew had been captured, he called together all the fighting men in his camp, 318 in all, and pursued the four kings... he divided his men into groups, attacked the enemy by night, and defeated them. He chased them... and got back all the loot that had been taken. He also brought back his nephew Lot and his possessions... When Abram came back from his victory... Melchizedek, who was king of Salem and also a priest of the Most High God, brought bread and wine to Abram, blessed him, and said, 'May the Most High God, who made heaven and earth, bless Abram! May the Most High God, who gave you victory over your enemies, be praised!' And Abram gave Melchizedek a tenth of all the loot he had recovered."
genesis14/14>20tev

Test of Fervor- Gen 12 / Test of Reliance- Gen 12 / Test of Humility- Gen 13
Test of Greed- "Will you Sacrifice for me?" Genesis 14

I am Safe to Sacrifice when...

I understand whom I Serve

"When Abram came back from his victory over... the other kings... Melchizedek, who was king of Salem and also a priest of the Most High God, brought bread and wine to Abram" genesis14/17>18tev

I realize where my Blessings Come From

"Melchizedek... brought bread and wine to Abram, blessed him, and said, "May the Most High God, who made heaven and earth, bless Abram! May the Most High God, who gave you victory over your enemies, be praised!" genesis14/18>19tev

My sacrifices are my Statement Of My Love

"And Abram gave Melchizedek a tenth of all the loot he had recovered."
genesis14/20tev

My sacrifices are prompted by My Attitude

"The king of Sodom said to Abram, "Keep the loot, but give me back all my people." Abram answered, "I solemnly swear before the Lord, the Most High God, Maker of heaven and earth, that I will not keep anything of yours, not even a thread or a sandal strap. Then you can never say, 'I am the one who made Abram rich.' I will take nothing for myself." genesis14/21>24tev

"After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I *am* your shield, your exceedingly great reward." genesis15/1nkjv

"For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life." john3/16

"Husbands, love your wives just as Christ loved the church and gave his life for it."
colossians5/24tev