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UNDERDOG SERIES

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“Climbing the Mountain Creates Momentum!”

1 Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” 2 Then He said, “Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” 3 So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. 4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off. 5 And Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you.” 6 So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together. 7 But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” Then he said, “Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” 8 And Abraham said, “My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering.” So the two of them went together. - **Genesis 22:1-8 (NKJV)**

“Momentum Demands Movement”

LESSONS FROM A MOUNTAIN:

- MOUNTAINS MOVE YOU FORWARD
- MOUNTAINS FORCE YOU TO MOVE UPWARD
- MOUNTAINS CHANGE YOUR FOCUS
- MOUNTAINS FORTIFY YOUR ENDURANCE
- MOUNTAINS BUILD YOUR FAITH

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1. FAITH EMPOWERS US TO **PASS THE TEST**

17 **By faith Abraham, when he was TESTED, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son**, 18 of whom it was said, “**Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.**” 19 He considered that **God was able even to raise him from the dead**, from which, figuratively speaking, **he did receive him back.** - **Hebrews 11:17-18 (ESV)**

But he knows every step I take. **When He has TESTED me, I’ll come out as pure as gold.** - **Job 23:10 (NIRV)**

“But he knows where I am and what I’ve done. He can cross-examine me all he wants, and **I’ll PASS THE TEST with honors.** I’ve followed him closely, my feet in his footprints, not once swerving from his way. I’ve obeyed every word he’s spoken, and not just obeyed his advice—I’ve *treasured* it. - **Job 23:10 (MSG)**

For You, **O God, have TESTED us**; You have **refined us as silver** is refined. - **Psalm 66:10 (NKJV)**

6 That is why you celebrate! Yes, it may well be necessary that, for a while, you may have to suffer trials and **TESTS** of all sorts. **7** But this is so that **the TRUE VALUE of your faith may be discovered. It is WORTH more than GOLD**, which is **TESTED by fire** even though it can be destroyed. The result will be praise, glory and honour when Jesus the Messiah is revealed. - **1 Peter 1:6-7 (NTE)**

2. FAITH IS WILLING TO PAY THE PRICE

4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off. **5** And Abraham said to his young men, **“Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you.”** - **Genesis 22:4-6 (NKJV)**

““To become a better you, be willing to make the needed sacrifice. Don’t spend your money on luxuries...Don’t just bargain for success. Pay the price!” – Israelmore Ayivor

“Too many people want to have MOUNTAINTOP experiences at rock-bottom prices and that just doesn’t work. Greatness doesn’t come at a discount. If you want true greatness, you have to pay the full price for it.” – Damilola Oluwatoyinbo

9 When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. **10** Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. **11** But the angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied. **12** “Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.” - **Genesis 22:9-12 (NKJV)**

25 As massive crowds followed Jesus, he turned to them and said, **26 “When you follow me as my disciple, you must put aside your father, your mother, your wife, your sisters, your brothers; it will even seem as though you hate your own life. This is the PRICE you’ll PAY to be considered one of my followers. 27 Anyone who comes to me must be willing to share my cross and experience it as his own, or he cannot be considered to be my disciple.** - **Luke 14:25-27 (TPT)**

3. FAITH IS TRUSTING GOD FOR THE PROVISION

7 But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” Then he said, “Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” **8** And Abraham said, “My son, **God will PROVIDE for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering.**” So the two of them went together. - **Genesis 22:7-8 (NKJV)**

13 Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. **14** So Abraham called that place **The Lord Will PROVIDE**. And to this day it is said, **“On the mountain of the Lord it will be PROVIDED.”** - **Genesis 22:13-14 (NKJV)**

“Your father Abraham was very happy and rejoiced that he would see my day [the day of the Messiah’s arrival]. He saw that day and was glad.” - **John 8:56 (EXB)**