



The hardest test

AT A GLANCE



Bible

Genesis 22:1–19



Topic

Trust when God is incomprehensible



Takeaway

Dealing honestly with difficult Bible texts



10–15 minutes



Object: a log and a rope



Preparation: 10 min



indoors or by the fire



Make it personal: In two sentences, share something you have experienced yourself on the topic "Trust when God is incomprehensible". Real stories stick best.



How the devotion works

2 min

Opening

Put the log and the rope in the middle. Ask: Are there Bible passages that disturb you?

3 min

Bible text

Read Genesis 22:1–19. God asks Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac – and stops him at the last moment.

5 min

Thought

This is one of the most difficult texts in the Bible. It is fine to sit with it instead of smoothing it over. One reading: in a world where child sacrifice happened, the story shows that Israel's God wants exactly that not to happen. At the same time it tells of a trust that holds on even when things make no sense – and of a God who "sees" and provides (verse 14).

5 min

Conversation

How do you deal with questions of faith that have no easy answer?



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Prayer to read aloud

God, there are things about you I do not understand. I bring you my questions instead of hiding them. Hold me when my trust wavers. Amen.



To think further

- Is it allowed to accuse God? Read Psalm 22.
- What is the difference between trust and blind obedience?



For leaders

- Leave room for doubts and critical questions – an honest conversation matters more than a quick answer.
- As a leader, feel free to share a personal experience.
- With heavy topics, keep an eye on who is struggling and be available afterwards.



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