

**Cannonball – Jumping**  
Weekend Discussion Questions  
June 12-13, 2010

**Community:**

1. When you have felt the most frightened (and wanted to climb back down the ladder) what has helped you to keep moving forward?
2. Can you think of a promise that you really need God to keep in your life?

**Core:**

1. Talk about how jumping off the high dive compares to the “all in” life that Jesus invites us to live.
2. Looking at Abraham’s life the last three weeks we see a pattern of obedience followed by failure; climbing up and down the ladder. Is that a common pattern for people in general? Where have you seen fear driving people back down the ladder?
3. Have you ever had a lesson in your life that you had to learn more than once? What is that lesson?
4. Read Genesis 21:1-12. in light of all that Abraham and Sarah had been through talk about what they must have been thinking and feeling when they knew that God had kept His promise to them to give them a child.
5. Read Genesis 22:1-14 and try to put yourself in Abraham’s mind and heart without knowing that God was testing him. How would you react if God told you to do something like that?
6. Looking back on your own life can you see situations where God was refining (testing) you and your faith?
7. How can you reconcile what God asked Abraham to do with Isaac and all that we know about God’s good character?
8. Scott mentioned 3 pictures from this passage that foreshadow things Jesus experienced. Talk about each one:
  - a. Picture 1 – The night of anguish Abraham had before setting off in obedience and the night Jesus had in the garden before he was betrayed.
  - b. Picture 2 – Isaac carrying the wood and Jesus carrying His own cross. (John 19:17)
  - c. Picture 3 – The picture of resurrection; a three day journey for Abraham and after three days Jesus rose from the dead. (Luke 24:7)
9. Are you disturbed by this story and what God asked Abraham to do?
10. Does this story help you see what great pain God experienced by sacrificing His only Son?
11. A few additional passages to read and discuss, Romans 4:16-25, Ephesians 2:8-10, Hebrews 12:1-3.

**Challenge:**

1. Is there a difficult area of your life that you are feeling tested in and need to go “all in” by trusting and following God? What step do you need to take this week?
2. Read Romans Chapter 4 several times this week and find ways to express your faith in God based on promises He has made.



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**Weekend Services** | Sat 5:00 & 6:30pm | Sun 9:00, 10:30 & 11:55am, 6:30pm