

## **Commentary on the Gospel for Sat, Jan 31st 2015**

Today's gospel reading doesn't exactly give us a warm, fuzzy, Disney ending. "By faith, Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was ready to offer his only son,

of whom it was said, Through Isaac descendants shall bear your name." God, you're kidding, right?

This can often times be our response when God asks us to do something big. Can he seriously be asking us to walk through this storm and pain? What kind of "good and loving" God would do that?

When I read this passage and when I reflect on experiences in my own life, I reason that God is asking us to really believe, trust and have faith. His power is not limited to the Old Testament. God is still alive today, doing big things in ordinary lives. He might ask us to make sacrifices, but it is not so that we may suffer—it is so that we might live according to His will.

Let's take a look at our life today. Maybe there something good God is asking us to give up, so God can do something great!

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