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Life: Genesis 22, 2 Cor. 1:8-10, 2 Cor. 12:9-10, Gal. 2:20, Heb. 11:17-19

"My power works best in weakness" ~ 2 Corinthians 12:9 (NLT)

1. Satan puts my weakness under a _____.
2. We need to put God's strength in front of a _____.

Genesis 22

Surrender requires:

1. _____ in God
2. _____ to God's will
3. _____ to God's promises

My way vs God's way

My way: _____, "I deserve..." vs God's way: _____, "I serve..."

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1. What caught your attention in this week's sermon? Was there something you had never heard before or something you had a question about?
2. Think of a sacrifice you have had to make in your life (time, effort, money, etc). Was the sacrifice worth it? What did you gain?
3. Are you feeling pressure in any way right now?
4. Warren Wiersbe once said, "Most Christians are being crucified on a cross between two thieves: yesterday's regret and tomorrow's worry."
 - Do you agree with him? Why or why not.
 - Is this evident in your life currently?
5. Read 2 Corinthians 1:8-10 and 2 Corinthians 12:9-10.
 - What do these verses say about Biblically responding to pressure/weakness?
 - How does God provide for us in times of pressure or weakness?
6. With the sacrifice of Isaac, God is asking Abraham to give up everything, not just his son, but the promises of the covenant as well. All Abraham will have left is God Himself.
 - Is that enough?
 - How does this demonstrate complete surrender?
7. Read Matthew 16:24-26?
 - What was Jesus asking of His disciples? What is he asking of us?
 - What does it mean to 'take up your cross'? (See Galatians 2:20)

Pray about it: Meditate on God's Word (Genesis 22) and this week's message

Adoration: What can I praise God for in light of what this teaches me?

Confession: What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving: What can I thank God for in light of what He has done?

Supplication: What do I need to ask God in order to grow in light of this?