God, he has a path for all of us, whether we choose to follow it is up to us. If you want to follow that path you must trust in Him and live your life for Him. Please open your bibles with me to Genesis 22: 1-12.

Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied. 2 Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.”

3 Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. 4 On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. 5 He said to his servants, “Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you.”

6 Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, 7 Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, “Father?” “Yes, my son?” Abraham replied. “The fire and wood are here,” Isaac said, “but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?” 8 Abraham answered, “God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them went on together.

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.”

Wow, that was a lot, and there was a lot happening, so I am going to break it down. First, God asked Abraham to sacrifice his only son. That’s hard on anyone. No parent would ever want to be the one to kill their own child, but Abraham, being the true man of God he is, who feared Him but also loved Him, took his only son and was prepared to kill him. Abraham was probably scared, no terrified, at what he was getting ready to do, but he trusted in God's path for him and let God guide him. Although he was terrified he did not let that fear overcome him. He followed God's path and trusted that it would all be okay. God has a path for each of us. It is our choice to either succumb to the fear and change that path or trust that God will lead us down the correct path, whatever that may be. Personally, my path is just starting. I only decided a few weeks ago where I even wanted to go to college, and that was a big choice that God helped me make, because without Him I do not know how I would deal with the anxiety and the sadness of realizing I will be leaving some of my closest friends and family, but if that is God's path for me then I am
willing. Though at the same time I am scared and anxious of what is to come, but I trust that He will never lead me wrong as long as I trust in Him.

Abraham says in verse 8 that “God will provide” which does He not always provide? When we are sick, He is the one that provides healing. When we are afraid He is the one that provides comfort. When we are in need of food or shelter, as long as you trust in God, He will provide for us, usually He provides through the deeds of others that are following the path He has set out for them. Everyone knows that feeling, that fear of what will come or what could have been, but two things come to mind when I say that what could have been has already passed. No, I am not saying to forget your past, only to embrace it, because you cannot change it: learn from it, better yourself for the knowledge you have gained from the experiences you are granted on God’s path for you. When I think of what will come, well, the future can sometimes seem scary or bleak but as long as we are following in God's word and following the path He has chosen for us, why are we afraid? We are afraid because we are mortal and He is all-knowing. We don't know what will happen next, yet He sees all. That is why if you trust Him there is no need for you to be afraid because He is always with us and always caring for us.

Abraham was probably seconds away from doing the thing he probably feared the most, and it was kill his own son as God did for us. But that tested Abraham and put his trust in God to the absolute limit. He was so afraid yet he still followed in God's command and worshipped Him. Abraham was prepared to give up his son for the one true God. He was as prepared as any sane person could be because he did not just fear God but trusted that God would never lead him down the wrong path: he would kill his only son for God.

In that moment, God knew that Abraham was a worthy disciple and he was able to receive God's grace for him and all his children. As it is said in Genesis 22, verse 16-18 “I swear by myself, declares the Lord, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, 17 I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, 18 and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.”

Just for following in His word and doing the assignments He asked of Abraham, he and his descendants were to be blessed throughout history. It may seem simple put into those words but it almost never is. God's plan for us is not always the easiest or the most straightforward but He is always there, working in our lives to make His plan for us a reality, whether it be a simple decision, such as what you will have for breakfast, or a difficult one like what you want to do for the rest of your life. He is there guiding us through others and their actions, always and forever. The decisions we make every day have an impact. Though some may seem small and inconspicuous, it is sometimes the small deeds that shine the brightest in your life or just might be the most memorable, because God wants you to act on them and continue your journey with Him in your heart. Sometimes you may find yourself in a tough situation that is just God testing us on our journeys and helping us stay on the right path: the path of God.