



#2 "YHWH Yir'èh – "The LORD Will Provide."

Abrahams Story [Genesis 12-24]

After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." Genesis 22:1

- Our POSITION Prepares Us For God's Provision

The Sacrifice: A Burnt Offering

He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." Genesis 22:2

- The ATONEMENT For Sin
- A Voluntary Act of CONSECRATION

Abraham's Response:

1. Obeys IMMEDIATELY

Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. Genesis 22:3

2. Obeys COMPLETELY

And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. Genesis 22:3

- By Faith, Abraham Saw God's SPIRITUAL Provision
On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. Genesis 22:3

- By Faith Abraham Foresaw A RESURRECTION
By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." ¹⁹ He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, Hebrews 11: 17-19

3. Obeys WORSHIPFULLY

Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy^[a] will go over there and worship and come again to you." Genesis 22:5

- What Abraham SAW By Faith He Also SPOKE By Faith

The Prophetic Picture

And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together. (VS 22:6-8)

- The Son Willfully Surrendered To The WILL Of His Father.

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. (vs 9)

- "The LORD Has SEEN Ahead And Has Made Provision To Meet Our Need."

And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide. as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided". (vs 13-14)

Life Group Discussion Questions

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- Has God ever asked you to do something that sounded really crazy? What was your response?

Read Genesis 22:1-14.

- When The LORD calls Abraham by name, Abraham's response is "Here I am." What would your response be? Are you spiritual ready to go where ever or do whatever God asks you to do? Why? Why not?
- Abraham obeys God Immediately, Completely and Worshipfully. What does your obedience to God look like right now in comparison? Be honest with yourself, remembering that we are all on a journey of growing faith.
- The Bible teaches that obedience is better than sacrifice. Read a few of the passage below and discuss how this truth applies to our lives. (see Hosea 6:6, Mark 12:33, Mark 12:33, Luke 11:42)
- Why is it important that our words align with our faith? (see vs 5 & 8)
- What parallel do you see in this story with Jesus's sacrifice on Calvary?
- How have you personally experienced the LORD's provision in your life?
- How does knowing that the LORD sees your need beforehand and has already made provision for it, impact your understanding of the nature & character of the LORD?