

SMALL GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

1. What would be the hardest thing to give up if God asked it of you?
2. Why do you think God tested Abraham's faith?
3. How has your faith been tested?
4. What does the name, "The Lord Will Provide," say to you?
5. How does this event of Abraham and Isaac point to Jesus and what he did on the cross for you and I?
6. What is the difference between religion and a relationship with Christ? Which would you describe your life with Christ?

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SERMON NOTES

ABRAHAM BELIEVED

Hebrews 10:5-7

⁵Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: *"Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, But a body You have prepared for Me. ⁶In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no pleasure. ⁷Then I said, 'Behold, I have come— In the volume of the book it is written of Me— To do Your will, O God.'* "

The Book - Hebrews 10:7

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1) Genesis 22:1-14

¹Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ²Then He said, "Take now 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." ³So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off. ⁵And Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you." ⁶So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together. ⁷But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." So the two of them went together. ⁹Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood.

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¹⁰And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

¹¹But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” So he said, “Here I am.” ¹²And He said, “Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only *son*, from Me.”

¹³Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind *him* was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴And Abraham called the name of the place, The-LORD-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, “In the Mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

1. Abraham believed:

- God could raise Isaac from the dead, if need be (Hebrews 11:19)
¹⁹concluding that God *was* able to raise *him* up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.

Here is a picture of God offering His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, as a sacrifice for us.
- Abraham was asked to give up his most cherished possession to God.
- Abraham offered Isaac as a sacrifice upon Mount Moriah – the very same mountain ridge that God offered His Son Jesus on Calvary.
- Abraham called Mount Moriah, Jehovah-Jireh, “The Lord will provide.”

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2) Psalm 23

A Psalm of David. ¹The LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want. ²He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. ³He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name’s sake. ⁴Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You *are* with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

3) Isaiah 53:1-5

¹Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ²For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, *There is* no beauty that we should desire Him. ³He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, *our* faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. ⁴Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵But He *was* wounded for our transgressions, *He was* bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.

- The Savior’s coming had been predicted, but very few believed.
- In coming to earth, Christ took the sins of the entire human race upon himself and died for those sins. John the Baptist said of Jesus, “Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.” (John 1:29)