

The Lord Provides

Genesis 22:1-14

EXPLORING THE SERMON

- * What did you hear?
- * What did you think or feel about what you heard?
- * What is one thing you can take away from the sermon this week?

KEY VERSES

¹ After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am.

⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you."

⁷ Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son."

⁸ Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son."

¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."

¹⁴ So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide..."

REFLECTION

After God's promise to Abraham to make his descendants "as numerous as the stars in the sky," this command to sacrifice his son, Isaac must have been equally confusing and terrifying. It was truly a test of his faithfulness, trust, and obedience and yet Abraham did not hesitate to move. **When have you been called by God to make a significant move? Were you willing to listen or did you try to ignore it?**

Abraham repeats the phrase "here I am" three times in this passage. **To whom does he speak each time? How do you think this phrase demonstrates devotion? Describe each interaction and its significance.**

Even though this part of God's overall plan seemed unfathomable to Abraham, he still proceeded onward. Note in verse 5, that he tells his men that he and his son "will go over there, worship, and then come back to you." Even though he thought his son would face imminent death, he vowed to return with his son-alive or dead. **Through Abraham's fear, how do you see his ultimate love and trust in God revealed? How can you be more willing to go with God's leading even when it goes against your plans?**

At the moment before Abraham takes his knife to Isaac, God provides a ram as the sacrifice. **How does this foreshadow the ultimate sacrifice of God's son? What places in your life would you rename "the Lord will provide" because of his perfect provision?**