

Message Notes



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FATHER'S DAY: FATHER ABRAHAM

+++++ Sermon #1 +++++

Abraham's Test of Faith

Genesis 22:1-3

- *Nasah* = tested. The idea of proving the quality of something by putting it through a trial.
- *Olah* = burnt offering. The whole is sacrificed – all of it – not just part of it.

The Issue in Question

- Did Abraham love the gift of God (Isaac) or God himself?
- Do I assign more worth to my child (my possessions, positions, dreams) than I do to my God?

"We will worship and we will come back to you." Genesis 22:4-5; Hebrews 11:17-19

Three reasons Abraham knew this to be true

1. Isaac was the vehicle of God's promise – therefore he must live
2. God keeps His promises
3. God's power is absolute – even over death (trusting in a resurrection if necessary)

A Model of a Father's Faith

Genesis 22:6-14

- When God does a transforming work in you, He isn't testing others, He's testing you.
- God will provide for Himself. He will work out the details He didn't give to us. Our responsibility is to trust Him.
- Some people live so carefully they refuse to take risks and practice a confident faith
- Isaac trusts his father and allows himself to be bound and placed on the altar.

Moriah – The Place Where We Learn to Hold Things Loosely

1. God the Father showed us how to live when He release His Son to die for us.
2. God the Son showed us how to die when he released Himself to the Father.
3. God the Holy Spirit shows us how to live as we learn how to release whatever has us in its grip.

Application

1. What are you gripping too tightly?
2. Trust the Lord, He has another ram in the thicket for you!

+++++ Sermon #2 +++++

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"Take now your son, your only son, whom you love..." Genesis 22:2

So I saw that there is nothing better for a man to do than to enjoy his work, for it is his lot in life. Ecclesiastes 3:22

How many jobs have you had throughout the course of your life?

BEING A DAD...

1. Has expanded my capacity to love: *"Take now your son, your only son, whom you love..."* Genesis 22:2
2. Has increased my band-width of interests: *"Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others."* Philippians 2:4
3. Has reinforced my core values: *"No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it."* Hebrews 12:11
4. Has significantly grown my faith in God: *And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"* Galatians 4:6
5. *See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. 1 John 3:1*
6. Has enhanced my intimate relationship with my heavenly Father: *God is a father to the fatherless. Psalm 68:5*

"Our Father, Who art in heaven..."

"I will hold you by the hand and I will watch over your life." Isaiah 42:6

"Do not fear, for I am with you ... I will strengthen and uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10