

The Love of God – Genesis 22:1-14

Now 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. 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."

Open: What kinds of sacrifices do fathers make for their children?

→What words in the passage need to be explained for you?

1. Write down the various people in this story.
2. What are God's instructions in v. 2?
3. What does Abraham do in response to these instructions? (v. 3)
4. How long does it take for them to get to the place? (v. 4)
5. What does Abraham do when they get there? (vv. 5-6)
6. How does Isaac respond to the situation? (v. 7)
7. What is Abraham's answer? (v.8)
8. Describe the scene before the Angel calls to Abraham. (vv. 9-10)
9. What does the Angel say to Abraham? (v. 12)
10. How does God provide? (v. 13)

NOTE: The Hebrew name Abraham gives to the mountain is *Jehovah Jireh*. The name of the mount today (and before) is Mount Moriah, and it is where the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem was later built.

Apply

- Put yourself in Abraham's place. How might you explain to your wife what God has told you to do?
- Look at Hebrews 11:17-19. What do you think Isaac thought of his father's faith?
- Do you think of Abraham's faith as normal or extraordinary?
- How does Abraham demonstrate his love for God? How does God demonstrate his love for Abraham?

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