

Genesis 22:1-19 (NIV)

1 Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied.

2 Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you."

3 Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. 4 On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. 5 He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you."

6 Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, 7 Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?"

"Yes, my son?" Abraham replied.

"The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"

8 Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together.

9 When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. 10 Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. 11 But the angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!"

"Here I am," he replied.

12 "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son."

13 Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram[a] caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. 14 So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided."

15 The angel of the Lord called to Abraham from heaven a second time 16 and said, "I swear by myself, declares the Lord, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, 17 I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, 18 and through your offspring[b] all nations on earth will be blessed,[c] because you have obeyed me."

19 Then Abraham returned to his servants, and they set off together for Beersheba. And Abraham stayed in Beersheba.

Footnotes: [a] Many manuscripts of the Masoretic Text, Samaritan Pentateuch, Septuagint and Syriac; most manuscripts of the Masoretic Text a ram behind him. [b] Or seed. [c] Or and all nations on earth will use the name of your offspring in blessings (see 48:20)

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Abraham and Isaac

OPEN

- Describe a time when you had to give up something important (a belonging, person, dream, etc...).
- Read Genesis 22:1-19.

STUDY

- What phrases emphasize the difficulty of God's command in verses 1-2?
- If you were Abraham in this situation, what emotions and thoughts would you have? (see also Hebrews 11:19)
- How do you see both Abraham and Isaac walking in trust and faith throughout verses 1-10?
- How does God intervene in verses 11-14?
- How is Abraham's new name for that place a fitting one for what has transpired?
- How might some of the aspects of this story mirror the gospel story of God offering his son, Jesus, on the cross? (Note: tradition says that Mt. Moriah is near where Jesus was crucified.)
- How might Abraham now view the reiterated promises in verses 15-18 differently?
- What do you think it means to fear God? (see verse 12)
- What dearly loved things in your life have the potential of taking God's place in your life?

PRAY

- Give God those beloved things now in prayer and ask him to show you his good provision!