



THE FATHER'S SACRIFICIAL LOVE

Genesis 22

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BIG IDEA: The story of Abraham and Isaac is a dramatic lesson about a father's trust in God. However, more than that, it is a lesson about our Heavenly Father's sacrificial love.

THE TEST

1 Sometime later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. 2 Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about."

Apply: God has every right to test your faith. However, he will never tempt you to do evil: James 1:13-15

THE QUESTION

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..."

THE PROVISION

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."

What are you willing to sacrifice to obey God?
Will you trust in God's costly provision for your soul?

For next Sunday, read Exodus 14