

Faith Baptist Church

Sermon Notes Sunday November 8, 2020

God's Unfolding Story

The Lord Will Provide

Genesis 22:

1 Now it came about after these things, that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."

2 Then He said, "Take now your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I will tell you."

3 So Abraham got up early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac; and he split wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place of which God had told him.

4 On the third day Abraham raised his eyes and saw the place from a distance.

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

6 And Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together.

7 Isaac spoke to his father Abraham and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." And he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"

8 Abraham said, "God will provide for Himself the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

9 Then they came to the place of which God had told him; and Abraham built the altar there and arranged the wood, and bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.

10 And Abraham reached out with his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son.

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

12 He said, "Do not reach out your hand against the boy, and do not do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me."

13 Then Abraham raised his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram caught in the thicket by its horns; and Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering in the place of his son.

14 And Abraham named that place The Lord Will Provide, as it is said to this day, "On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided."

Two Realities-

Realize that God desires to bring each of us to the place where we _____ to Him and _____ Him with what is _____ to us

Remember that God _____ the one who _____ in _____ and _____ their _____ to _____

***Additional Bible Passages to Reference-**

Isaiah 53; Psalm 22; Hebrews 11:17-19; 1 Peter 1:19-20; John 10:1-18

Questions for Reflection-

What did God promise Abraham? What made God's promise to Abraham impossible by human standards?

What seems impossible for God to do right now in your own life? Why is waiting on the Lord often so difficult?

In what ways does the story of Abraham sacrificing Isaac give us a picture of Jesus and the Cross?

Which is easier for you personally: believing God's promises or obeying His commands? Why are they both so important in your relationship with God?

What can you do this week to give God first place and trust Him more deeply to meet your greatest needs?