

5. Will I Hear Him?

Genesis 22:1-2

¹Some 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."

Genesis 22:7-14

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."

Message notes:

God doesn't compete. He doesn't share His throne with _____.

God wants to know, "do you love me _____ all else?"

God will ask you to give Him what you _____ the most.

God will ask hard things of you; to _____ things so that they aren't idols in your life.

The appealing thing about heaven is being where _____.

You can't love something fully until you have _____ it.

Hold things _____.

You feel violated when God takes something that you love; but you have to remember that they have _____ to God all along

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Discussion Questions:

Why does God ask Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac? Why does God ask such hard things?

Is it wrong for God to ask for such hard things?

Why is it not possible to try to follow both God and something else?

Has there been a time where God disturbed you and asked for something that you thought was yours? What happened in those moments?

How does releasing loved ones from God allow you to fully love them?

How does laying things before God in worship affect how you worship Him?

Ministry Questions:

Are you willing to give God your yes, no matter what He asks? Pray for those who are struggling with this.

Is the Father asking for you to release anything or anyone so that He alone can sit on the throne in your life?

Answer Key:

another

above

love

release

God is

released

open-handed

belonged