

Foreshadow Series

5-Day Devotional Abraham and Isaac

Day 1 Seeing What Has Always Been There

Scripture: Luke 24:25-27

Sometimes the most important truths in Scripture are the ones we miss at first. After His resurrection, Jesus explained to His followers that the entire Old Testament had been pointing to Him the whole time. The story of the Bible is not a collection of disconnected events. It is one unified story of God's plan to rescue humanity through Jesus.

- What does it mean to you that the entire Bible ultimately points to Jesus?
- Why do you think it can be easy to miss Jesus in the Old Testament?
- How might reading Scripture differently change your understanding of God's story?

Prayer: Jesus, open my eyes to see You throughout all of Scripture and help me understand the story You have been telling from the beginning. Amen.

Day 2 The Son Who Was Loved

Scripture: Genesis 22:1-2

When God asked Abraham to sacrifice Isaac, He described him as Abraham's son, his only son, the one he loved. The weight of this request was enormous. Isaac was the child of promise, the son through whom God's covenant would continue.

This moment foreshadows something even greater. Just as Abraham was asked to give up the son he loved, God would one day give His own Son for the salvation of the world.

- What stands out to you about how Isaac is described in this passage?
- How does this moment help you understand the cost of what God would later do through Jesus?
- How does knowing God gave His Son for you shape the way you see His love?

Prayer: Father, thank You for loving us enough to give Your Son. Help me never lose sight of the depth of that sacrifice. Amen.

Day 3 Carrying the Wood

Scripture: Genesis 22:6; John 19:16-17

Isaac carried the wood that would be used for the sacrifice up the mountain. It was the very instrument that would be used for his death. In a striking parallel, Jesus carried His own cross to Golgotha.

These moments reveal something powerful about God's plan. What happened on that mountain with Abraham and Isaac was pointing forward to a greater sacrifice that would come through Jesus.

- What similarities do you notice between Isaac carrying the wood and Jesus carrying the cross?
- Why do you think God allowed these parallels to exist in Scripture?
- How does this connection deepen your understanding of what Jesus did for you?

Prayer: God, ground me in Your truth. Help me recognize lies quickly and cling to what You say is true about You and about me. Amen.

Day 4 A Willing Sacrifice

Scripture: Genesis 22:9; Luke 22:41-42

Isaac was not a helpless child in this story. He was old enough to resist, yet he allowed himself to be bound and laid on the altar. His willingness points to Jesus, who chose to submit to the Father's plan even when it meant suffering.

In the garden before the crucifixion, Jesus prayed that if possible the cup would pass from Him. Yet He ultimately surrendered to the will of the Father.

- Why is it important that Isaac was willing to trust his father in this moment?
- What does Jesus' prayer in Luke reveal about His obedience to the Father?
- Where might God be asking you to trust Him even when it feels difficult?

Prayer: God, help me trust Your plans even when I do not fully understand them. Teach me to follow You with the same surrender Jesus showed. Amen.

Day 5 The Perfect Substitute

Scripture: Genesis 22:10-14; John 1:29

At the last moment, God stopped Abraham and provided a ram to take Isaac's place. The substitute died so that Isaac could live. This moment foreshadowed the ultimate substitute that God would provide for humanity.

When John the Baptist saw Jesus, he declared, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." Jesus became the perfect sacrifice, taking our place so that we could receive life.

- What does the ram in Genesis 22 teach us about God's provision?
- Why is the idea of substitution central to understanding the gospel?
- How does knowing Jesus took your place change the way you respond to Him?

Prayer: Jesus, thank You for being the Lamb who took my place. Help me live with gratitude for the life You made possible. Amen.