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STORIES OF  
FAITHFULNESS

A God Who Provides

**GENESIS 22:1-14**

# Questions

- Have you ever wondered if God cares for you?
- Does life ever seem overwhelming?
- Have you faced circumstances where you wondered if God exists?
- Have you ever felt like God has abandoned you?

# More Questions

- If God is such a great God, why do bad things happen?
- If God is in control, why is he not more personally involved in my life?
- Is God really available to each one of us here and now?
- Does God know our needs, and more importantly, does he really care?

Genesis 22:8, 14

“God will provide ... The LORD will provide”  
(ESV)

# Various "Tests"

- **The Family Test**

“Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you”

(Gen 12:1, ESV)

# Various "Tests"

- The Family Test

- **The Famine Test**

“And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb. Now there was a famine in the land ... the famine was severe” (Gen 12:9-10, ESV)

# Various "Tests"

- The Family Test
- The Famine Test
- **The Fellowship Test**

“Let there be no strife between you and me, and between your herdsmen and my herdsmen, for we are kinsmen” (Gen 13:8, ESV)

# Various "Tests"

- The Family Test
- The Famine Test
- The Fellowship Test
- **The Fortune Test**

“And Abram gave a tenth of everything”

(Gen 14:17-24, ESV)

# Various "Tests"

- The Family Test
- The Famine Test
- The Fellowship Test
- The Fortune Test
- **The Fatherhood Test** (Gen 16:1-15)

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- The Family Test
- The Famine Test
- The Fellowship Test
- The Fortune Test
- The Fatherhood Test
- **The Unfathomable Test**

# Genesis 22:1-3

“After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, ‘Abraham!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’ He said, ‘Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.’ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt ...”

# Genesis 22:3-6

“offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. Then Abraham said to his young men, ‘Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.’ And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his ...”

# Genesis 22:6-9

“son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. And Isaac said to his father Abraham, ‘My father!’ And he said, ‘Here I am, my son.’ He said, ‘Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?’ Abraham said, ‘God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.’ So they went both of them together. When they came to the place of which God had told ...”

# Genesis 22:9-12

“him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, ‘Abraham, Abraham!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’ He said, ‘Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear ...’”

# Genesis 22:12-14

“God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.’ And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place, ‘The LORD will provide;’ as it is said to this day, ‘On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.’” (ESV)



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# Hebrews 11:8-10

“By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.” (ESV)

# Hebrews 11:17-19

“By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, of whom it was said, ‘Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.’ He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.” (ESV)

# Genesis 22:5

“Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” (ESV)

# Genesis 22:7

“My father! ... Behold, the fire and the wood,  
but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?”  
(ESV)

# Genesis 22:8

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burnt offering.” (ESV)

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God Provided:  
The Right Thing

# Ephesians 3:20-21

“Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” (ESV)



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God Provided:  
At the Right Place

# Important Observations

- God didn't provide the ram at Abraham's home
- God didn't provide the ram along the journey
- God provided the ram when Abraham reached the right place
- God provided the ram when Abraham actually started the process

# The lesson

God will provide for us, but we need to make sure we are at the place God wants us to be and that we are doing what he wants us to do.



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God Provided:  
At the Right Time

# Romans 8:28

“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.” (ESV)



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God Has Already Provided

# Romans 8:32

“He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?” (ESV)



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“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life” (Jn 3:16)