Lessons From a Father

Greg Kline · Genesis 22:1–18

INTRODUCTION

- The most important thing that we as Christians could, should, and must agree to is that everyone, including our children and our neighbors, learn to love and fear God.
- That is the whole of our existence, to praise God, to worship God, and to show others our mighty God as well.
- I want to learn four lessons this morning from Abraham, because keep in mind we focus on Abraham and his trust in the Lord.

1 Listen to God and Act Immediately

Genesis 22:1–3; James 1:22–25

- Abraham taught Isaac through his example to listen to God and to act immediately.
- Immediately Abraham listened and obeyed.
- But be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.
- When we do what God says, when we do it immediately, we will be blessed.
- But God still demands us to be righteous and to be holy as he is holy. And that starts right now. That starts today.

2 Trust in God, Even Without All the Answers

Genesis 22:4–8; Hebrews 11:17–19

- Abraham said, God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.
- Abraham trusted that God would provide.
- He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.
- Abraham had an unshaking, unwavering faith in God.
- Even when I don't fully understand, I trust God because I know my God is bigger than any of my problems.

3 God Requires Difficult Sacrifices

Genesis 22:9–12; 1 Chronicles 21:18–26

- For now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son from me.
- God requires that we sacrifice everything. We sacrifice our all to serve him.
- It was the blood of Jesus, God's beloved son. God has paid the price for us.
- I will not take for the Lord what is yours, nor offer burnt offerings that cost me nothing.
- A sacrifice is when you give up something of value.
- Do I give the first fruits of my income or the last part of my income?

4 God Will Reward His Servants

Genesis 22:15–18

- I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of the heaven, as the sand that is on the seashore.
- If you trust in God's ways, if you trust in the might and power of God, he will provide.
- It's not just about some material wealth, though.
- God wants you to have true peace. God wants you to be with him.
- In your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed because you have obeyed my voice.
- The kingdom of heaven is worth our everything.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Are you willing to pay the price this morning? Are you willing to trust and obey in our great and powerful God?**

MY NOTES