

IT'S ALL ABOUT **JESUS!**

GENESIS 22:1-19

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The near **SACRIFICE** of Isaac



a test of faith

God provides

is all about **JESUS**



who provides the sacrifice that leads to **LIFE!**

grace alone Romans 3:22-24; 2 Thessalonians 2:16–17; Ephesians 2:8–9

Christ alone John 14:6; Acts 4:12; Titus 3:5; Hebrews 7:25

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BIBLICAL **FAITH** IS...

believing God's Word

and **acting** upon it

no matter how I feel

because **God promises** a good result.

(—and he keeps all his promises!)



Study Guide

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

What is this? — Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, & live life together. **We call them Life Groups.** The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a related part of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card or at the Connect Desk!

Welcome to Life Group!

Getting to Know You

Part of our goal at Life Group is just learning more about each other. Toward that end, here's a *random* question to discuss and break the ice as you get going. Have everyone answer:

Let's test how well we know each other and play "Two Truths & a Lie." Each person will share three statements (in any order) about themselves: two that ar true, and one that is a lie. The group then tries to guess which statement is the lie.?

Digging Deeper – A Bible Study

Use this guide for further personal and group study this week. For the most impact in your life and in your group, *work through it on your own before you gather with your Life Group.* If your Life Group isn't gathering this week, use this guide for further study personally.

- As you begin, **read Genesis 22:1-19.** Then go to the New Testament and **read Hebrews 11:15-17.**
- Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching,* was there anything you heard for the first time, that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you? *Discuss it with your group before moving on.*
- Abraham faced some big tests of faith in his life. You could say his life as presented in Genesis is bookened by two tests of faith (Genesis 12 and 22).
 - What do you think most tests people's faith?
 - What is a test of faith you've faced (or are now facing) in your own life?
- Abraham's willingness to sacrifice Isaac represents the highest expression of his faith. The authors of the NT similarly recognized this event as a preeminent example of a faithful response to God. They also believed Abraham's willingness to sacrifice Isaac foreshadowed the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. Hebrews describes Isaac as Abraham's "only son" (**Heb 11:17**). The Greek term here, *monogenēs*, is used most often in the NT to describe Jesus, God's only begotten Son (*see John 1:14; 3:16*). Paul also describes God's sending of Christ to redeem humanity saying God "*did not spare his own Son*" (**Rom 8:32**), phrasing that echoes God's words to Abraham in **Genesis 22:16**.
 - In what ways does Abraham's willingness to sacrifice Isaac remind you of Christ's sacrifice?
 - In what ways are the sacrifices different?



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Or if you just need someone to talk to, start

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WELCOME TO WAWASEE!

OUR MISSION We are sent to love people and invite them to follow Jesus with us.

OUR OUTCOMES This is who we hope you grow to become at Wawasee Bible...

If I'm truly growing as a follower of Jesus, I should be growing in the ways that I am...

- 1 | Receiving From God. Am I reading the Word regularly? When am I gathering to hear the Word taught? What fruit of the Spirit do I see growing in my life?
- 2 | Responding To God. How am I talking to and listening to God regularly? What are some healthy spiritual habits I'm working on (things like giving, scripture memory, repentance, rest, etc.)?
- 3 | Receiving From Others. Where and how am I in community/friendship with other Christians in our church who have a window to speak into my life?
- 4 | Moving Toward Others. How and where am I contributing to and initiating community with other Christians in our church? (Or am I only consuming?)
- 5 | Going to those Far from God. How am I regularly going toward those who are far from God—loving them, sharing God's Story and my own story? When was the last time I shared God's story and/or my faith story? Who is on my PEARL list?

WORD FIND IN THE WORD

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

Word Find: Hebrews 11:17-19 (NLT)

Find the words bolded below.

17 Abraham had faith. So he offered Isaac as a sacrifice. That happened when God put him to the test. Abraham had received the promises. But he was about to offer his one and only son. 18 God had said to him, "Your family line will continue through Isaac." Even so, Abraham was going to offer him up. 19 Abraham believed that God could raise the dead. In a way, he did receive Isaac back from death.

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- 5. Observe Abraham's words: "We will come back to you" (22:5) and "God himself will provide the lamb" (22:8). What did Abraham believe (see Hebrews 11:19)?
- 6. Abraham's example of trusting God with the life of his son can leave us wondering, "How could I ever have that kind of faith and trust God that much?" How do the following passages help you deal with this question?

Mark 9:14-24

John 4:46-53

Hebrews 12:1-3

- 7. We've spent a lot of time identifying with Abraham so far, but what stands out if you read Genesis 22 from the perspective of Isaac?

Taking It Home

- 8. Abraham's willingness to sacrifice Isaac contradicts the natural impulse of a parent to love and protect their children. But Abraham yielded the love of his son to his love and obedience of God. As followers of Jesus, we are to hold all things as secondary to the promise and cause of Christ. What areas are especially hard for you to treat as secondary to God's authority?
 - Is there something you need to give up to follow Christ more fully?

Prayer

As you close, take time to pray for each other.

This week's Study Guide is adapted in part from Grigoni, Michael R., et al. Abraham: Following God's Promise. Lexham Press, 2012; Belcher, Richard P., Jr. Genesis: The Beginning of God's Plan of Salvation. Christian Focus, 2012; and The Navigators. LifeChange: Genesis. NavPress, 2013.

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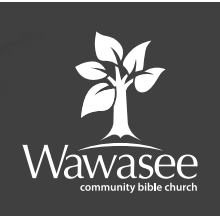
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