

SERMON OUTLINE

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Series:

“The Key to Life”

Genesis 22:1-19 ¹ Some 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.”

³ Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. ⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. ⁵ He said to his servants, “Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you.”

⁶ Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, 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 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.”

¹⁵ The angel of the Lord called to Abraham from heaven a second time ¹⁶ and said, “I swear by myself, declares the Lord, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, ¹⁸ and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.” (NIV)

TRUTHS ABOUT LIFE

1. I will be TESTED throughout life.

Genesis 22:1 “Some time later God tested Abraham ...”

Genesis 22:2 “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.”

James 1:13 “When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone ...” (NIV)

2. God allows this in order to GROW my character.

Genesis 22:3 “Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about.”

James 1:2-4 ² Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.” (NIV)

3. I must believe God will PROVIDE what I truly need.

Genesis 22:5 “He said to his servants, “Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then **we** will come back to you.”

Genesis 22:8 “Abraham answered, “God himself **will provide** the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them went on together.”

Hebrews 11:17-19 ¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, ¹⁸ even though God has said to him, “It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.” ¹⁹ Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death.” (NIV)

4. Doing what God asks PROVES that He is priority in my life.

Genesis 22:12 “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.**” (NIV)

Luke 14:25-27 ²⁵ Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them He said: ²⁶ “If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my

disciple. ²⁷ And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.” (NIV)

5. God will BLESS me when I choose to obey Him.

Genesis 22:16-18 ¹⁶ ... I swear by myself, declares the Lord, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, ¹⁸ and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.”

Mark 10:29-30 ²⁹ Truly I tell you,” Jesus replied, “no one who has left homes or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel ³⁰ will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecution—and in the age to come eternal life.” (NIV)

BOTTOM LINE

The key to life is to TRUST GOD no matter what!

Proverbs 3:5-6 ⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.” (NIV)