

Planning to put Abraham's faith to the ultimate test by asking him to sacrifice his only son, Isaac

Bible passage

Genesis 22: 1-19 *Abraham Tested*

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. (NIV)

Devotion

We often encounter times when it seems as if life has reached a dead end and there is no way forward. This episode might help us see the light!

The episode in which Abraham was to sacrifice Isaac must have made Abraham doubt God's logic. How could God ask him to do such a thing? Had not God promised him land and numerous descendents? And now he was to sacrifice his only son. Yet despite his inability to understand, Abraham obeys God. In the end, Abraham sacrifices a ram, not Isaac. Was it a *coincidence* that the ram was there? No, Abraham sees this as a sign that God provides. He calls the place "the Lord will provide." What seemed like a dead end to Abraham was actually a new beginning.

Right now, things may be happening in your life that just do not make sense. May this be an opportunity for you to experience that the Lord will provide a way out.

Prayer

Lord, help me to trust You even though it feels there is no way out.

Today's Quote

The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.

— Winston Churchill

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