

Week of 02-12-2023
Series: The Story, Ch. 2, Pt. 3
Sermon: The LORD Will Provide
Text: Genesis 22:1-14

Sermon Outline:

Biblical Truth: God's covenant provision is enough for you.

1. God will provide everything you need to order your heart. (1-2)
2. God will provide everything you need to open your hands. (3-4)
3. God will provide everything you need to believe. (5-8)
4. God will provide everything you need to obey. (9-10)
5. God will provide everything you need to be saved. (11-14)

Discussion Questions:

Read Genesis 22:1-14

1. Just for Fun: Who picked up on Chip's comment within the first two minutes of the sermon: "Now, there is a lot that happens (no pun intended) between Genesis 15 and Genesis 22 that we just don't have time to get to"? 😊
2. If you were already familiar w/ Gen. 22 before Sunday's sermon, how did you previously see the main point of the text?
Did you see the main point as either:
 - To marvel at, and wonder over, and lean into the awesome obedience of Abraham? OR
 - To marvel at, and wonder over, and lean into the awesome provision of God?Why is it helpful (and even crucial) to get the main point correct?
3. Isaac was a really big deal to Abraham, but God wanted Abraham's heart to be rightly ordered. You can love others. You can enjoy other things. But God has to be first. If God asked you to sacrifice something in your life, what would be the most difficult to sacrifice? Why would it good to ask yourself that question from time to time?
4. There is a tale about how certain hunters in Africa catch monkeys. A small jar is placed at the base of a tree with a peanut inside. The opening of the jar allows the monkey to place his hand in, but when he tries to withdraw it, he is unable to do so without letting go of the peanut. The monkey is trapped because he is unwilling to let go of the peanut. Likewise, when we hold onto things other than God, we forfeit the freedom He offers. When you have been tempted to hold onto something tight, what are ways in which God has provided everything you need to open your hands?
5. Read Ephesians 2:8-9: Grace is a gift. Faith is a gift. If applicable, share about a time where God provided everything you needed to believe what others would have deemed impossible?
6. Read James 2:18-24. The way we know that Abraham believed is that he obeyed. If you were on trial before a judge and jury "for believing in Jesus", would there be enough evidence to convict you? Discuss why it would be good to ask yourself that question from time to time.
7. God has provided everything we need to be saved. Discuss where in the text you see parallels to when God the Father would give His only Son to die in our place. How can Genesis 22 give us a deeper understanding of the love God?