

ABRAHAM'S VICTORY

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Prepare Your Heart & Mind

Begin this time in prayer, confessing any sins you can recall, thanking the Lord for the gift of His Word, and asking for His Spirit to guide you in your time.

Reflect/Connect

Use these questions for a time of individual reflection or to connect with others in meaningful conversation.

Grow in the Word

These questions are designed as a guide for individual study and to foster spiritual conversation with a group of people.



FAITHFUL

THE LIFE OF ABRAHAM

REFLECT/CONNECT

- In what ways were you encouraged by last week's study?

- How would you describe the love a parent has for his or her child?



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God tested Abraham and the measure of his faith by calling on him to sacrifice his son Isaac. With several opportunities to turn back, Abraham persisted in obedience even when Isaac realized there was no lamb for the sacrifice (v. 1-8).

- What thoughts or feelings arise as you think about what God asked Abraham to do?
- Why would God choose this specific test for Abraham, to give his only son?
- What did Abraham expect would happen when he replied to Isaac about God's provision in verse 8? See Hebrews 11:17-19; Genesis 22:5; Genesis 18:14.

Just as Abraham reached out his hand to sacrifice his beloved son Isaac, the Lord stopped him. He explained that Abraham had passed the test, and He provided a ram to complete the burnt offering (v. 9-14).

- How did Abraham's past prepare him for this final test from God? See Genesis 17:19; Romans 4:19-21.
- What are the costs that Abraham was willing to pay in order to obey God? Take note of the many details that Moses included in this story.

What cost are you willing to pay to follow God more faithfully?

Because of Abraham's obedience, God repeated His covenant promises to him and swore an oath to abundantly fulfill them. Abraham returned from the mountain with his son Isaac, and traveled to and lived in Beersheeba (v. 15-24).

- How does this story reveal the depth of God's own love for you? See Matthew 3:16-17; John 3:16; Romans 8:32. Consider also the quote below from Edmund Clowney.
 - “And when the ultimate beloved child cried, ‘My God, My God why hast thou forsaken me,’ the Father paid the price in His silence.”

- What step of obedience, big or small, is God calling you to make in this season of your life?

GENESIS (PART 2) BY THE BIBLE PROJECT

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F4isSyennFo>

This animated short tells the story of the start of God's work to rescue and bless his rebellious world by providing an overview of the second half of the book of Genesis, and by outlining how God moved towards redemption by choosing to bless a man named Abram.

ABRAHAM: ONE NOMAD'S AMAZING JOURNEY OF FAITH - CHUCK SWINDOLL

<https://www.amazon.com/Abraham-Nomads-Amazing-Journey-Faith/dp/141438064X>

The real-life story of Abraham as told by Chuck Swindoll. In this biography, we encounter false gods, self-seeking glory, and the faith of a man named Abraham through whom God would bless the nations.

THE LIFE OF ABRAHAM - THE GOSPEL COALITION

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/course/the-life-of-abraham/#course-introduction>

This is a free, three-lesson course on the account of Abraham's life as described in Genesis offered by the Gospel Coalition. The course offers video, audio, and downloadable study guides.

WHEN I LAY MY ISAAC DOWN - CAROL KENT

<https://www.amazon.com/When-Lay-Isaac-Down-Circumstances/dp/1641582723>

Carol Kent looks to Abraham's faith as she describes her struggle and surrenders to God in the aftermath of her son's murder conviction and subsequent incarceration. Dealing with her anger, grief, and shame, Carol could have given up. Instead, she tells a highly personal, heartbreaking, and uplifting story that will bolster your faith.

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