



Series: Genesis

Passage: Genesis 22:1-14

Title: The Father's Anguish

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Discussion Starter – How has this sermon "The Father's Anguish" impacted the way you now look at Jesus' death on the cross?

- How long do you think it has been since Abraham planted the tamarisk tree in Beersheba?
- What type of testing do you think God was doing in Abraham's life? How has God tested you in your walk with Him?
- God instructs Abraham to take his son, his only son that he loves, and offer him as a burnt offering. What are some of the things that Abraham would be thinking about in his mind causing him great anguish as he considered the reality and pain of taking his own son's life?
- Read Isaiah 53:3-5 and Psalm 22:14-17. How might we look at anguish in these verses from God the Father's perspective?
- What is the significance of a burnt offering as compared to all other types of offerings to God?
- What are some of the other parallels you see to Jesus being crucified on the cross in this story?
- What evidence do we have in the bible to indicate that Isaac was around 33 year old?
- Do you think Abraham was lying to the two men about coming back with his son since he knew he was going up to kill him? Why do you think Abraham asked the two young men to stay back with the donkey?
- What is the significance of having his son Isaac carry the wood up to the mountain?
- What does Isaac's question in verse 7 indicate about his knowledge of the purpose of their trip?
- What does Abraham reveal to us about his faith by his response to Isaac's question?
- What do you think enabled Isaac to be bound and offered up as a sacrifice to God?
- True worship is submitting our will to the will of God. What are some of the reasons why Abraham might have questioned God about having to go through with the sacrifice of his son Isaac? But we see that Abraham does not question God here. What truth does this point us to when we question or do not fully understand what God is doing in our own lives?
- Describe in your own words the purpose God had in mind to test Abraham in this way?
- Read Hebrews 11:17-19. What are some of the things we learn here about Abraham's faith?
- As you reflect on this sermon, what are some things you might be withholding from God in your own walk with Him? Read Romans 12:1-2. What insights are gained from this passage?
- God stops Abraham from killing Isaac and provides a ram caught in the thicket by the horns. What is the meaning of this prophetic message seen in verse 13-14 spoken by Abraham?
- How has our in depth study of Genesis helped you grow in your faith?