

Message-based Study

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Connection

Have you ever had a nickname? If so, how did you get it?

Cheer and Challenge

- How did it go living out your "I will..." statement from last week? Share your experience.
- Tell about any experiences you had this week following through on the B.L.E.S.S. challenge.

Content

JEHOVAH JIREH: "The LORD will provide"

God wants to reveal something about Himself in the contradictions of life. There you learn something about God that you didn't previously know or hadn't fully embraced. Read Genesis 22:1-18, looking for the contradiction Abraham encountered and what he learned about God.

1. TESTING - verses 1-2

God often brings us to a test which prepares us for the next thing. In verse 1 Abraham responds to God's voice with a simple reply: "___ ___ ___." What makes this a good response?

In verse 2 Abraham is faced with an assignment. In what ways would this have felt like a contradiction?

2. OBEDIENCE - verses 3-5

What is impressive about Abraham's obedience?

Abraham focused on the Blesser rather than the blessing. What is an area in your life right now where it is challenging to obey the Lord?

Do you find yourself focusing on the Blesser or the blessing in this situation? How is this playing out?

Not only does Abraham commit himself to obeying God, he goes so far as to worship Him. How do you worship when you are disappointed with God?

3. FAITH - verses 6-8

"Where is the lamb?" Isaac asked. Abraham didn't know how to answer, so he went to the truth he *did* know. As you consider the difficulties you are facing in your life right now, what are some truths you *do* know about God that you need to lean on?

4. **AMBIGUITY - verses 9-12**

Abraham felt torn between two loves: his love for God and his love for his son. Yet he followed through on God's assignment for him. What do you think Abraham learned through this test?

God will sometimes test our love for Him by calling forth our "Isaac." What "Isaac" in your life is hard for you to trust God with right now?

5. **PROVISION - verses 13-14**

"Then Abraham looked up and saw a ram..." God had waited for Abraham's obedience to be completed. Is there any area in your life in which you are waiting for God's provision without taking the step of obedience God has given you to do?

It is at this point in the story when Abraham calls God "Jehovah Jireh" - "the LORD will provide." How does this name of God bring encouragement to you today?

6. **BLESSINGS - verses 15-19**

The blessing God was in the midst of orchestrating went far beyond these pages in Genesis. All nations on earth would be blessed through Abraham's line as it eventually came to fruition in Jesus. In what ways is Jesus the best blessing of all?

Commitment

"Here I am, Lord." Responding to God with submission and availability is a powerful place to begin when God calls you to take a step. Consider your own life - in what area should you be responding to God like this? _____ Journal a prayer about this area, conveying to Him "Here I am, Lord."



Begin with prayer. Listen with care. Eat / Engage with another. Serve. Share your story.

Tests and trials are something we all go through. **Be in prayer** for your loved ones as they struggle through difficulties. And keep an ear open for an opportunity to point them towards the God who will provide.