A Dream Reborn (Genesis 22:1-19)

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Proverbs 28:19 (NIV) He who works his land will have abundant food, but the one who chases fantasies will have his fill of poverty.

Acts 2:17 (NIV) In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

Hebrews 11:17-18 (NIV) By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had received the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, even though God had said to him, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned."

1. God has a _____ for your life

A. Your dream will be _____

Genesis 22:1-2 (NIV) Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about."

B. You have a _____ to make

2. Choose to

Genesis 22:3 (NIV) Early the next morning Abraham got up and saddled his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about.

A. _____ you will pass the test

Genesis 22:5 (NIV) He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you."

B. Believe God will _____

Genesis 22:8 (NIV) Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together.

C. Obey though your dream seems _____

Genesis 22:9-10 (NIV) When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

3. God is in _____

A. God will _____

Genesis 22:11-12 (NIV) But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son."

B. God will _____

Genesis 22:13-14 (NIV) 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. So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided."

C. God will

Genesis 22:15-18 (NIV) The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time and said, "... because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky ... and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."

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Intro.	What do you think "chasing fantasies" would be in our society (Proverbs 28:19)?	2B.	How is Abraham's faith shown in the details of the story (Genesis 22:5-8)?
	What kinds of dreams or visions does God give to people (Acts 2:17)?	2C.	Why do think that God often brings a dream to the point of death before restoring it (Genesis 22:9-10?
	What was God's dream (promise) for Abraham (Genesis 15:1-6, Hebrews 11:17-18)?	3A.	In what way did the testing of Abraham show he feared God (Genesis 22:11-12)?
1A.	How did God test Abraham's dream (Genesis 22:1-2)? Why did God test Abraham?	3B.	How was the provision of a lamb for Abraham symbolic of Jesus' sacrifice for us (Genesis 22:13-14)?
1B.	What God-given dreams do you have for your life?	3C.	How did Abraham's obedience result in blessing for the whole world (Genesis 22:15-18)?
1C.	How has God tested your dreams in the past or is testing your dreams presently?	3D.	What next step of obedience is God asking you to take to fulfill His dream for your life?