



WEEK TWO

Jehovah Jireh

Genesis 22:1-14

5-DAY DEVOTIONAL • SMALL GROUP GUIDE

The God Who Provides

DAY 1**He Sees Before You Know**

READING • GENESIS 22:1–8

Abraham climbed a mountain carrying wood, fire, and a knife—but no lamb. Yet he told Isaac that God would provide. How could he say that with such certainty? Because his faith was not anchored in what he could see. It was anchored in who God is. Jehovah Jireh literally means the Lord who sees. God does not discover your needs the way you do. He has already seen them. He has already prepared an answer before you even knew there was a question. Today, rest in the truth that nothing about your situation has caught God off guard.

REFLECTION

What need in your life are you treating as a surprise that God has actually already seen?

TRY THIS WEEK

Write down one pressing need and beside it write, “God has already seen this.” Carry that with you through the day as a reminder of his foreknowledge and care.

DAY 2**Obedience Before the Answer**

READING • HEBREWS 11:17–19

The ram did not appear when Abraham was sitting at home. It appeared after he climbed the mountain, built the altar, bound his son, and raised the knife. The provision followed the obedience. Many of us want God to reveal the full plan before we take the first step. But that is not how faith works. If every detail is already visible, no trust is required. Abraham did not know how God would work it out. He simply knew that God's word could not fail. The miracle was waiting on the other side of his obedience, and so may yours be.

REFLECTION

Is there an area where God is asking you to move before you can see the full picture?

TRY THIS WEEK

Identify one step of obedience you have been delaying. Take that step this week, trusting that God's provision often follows rather than precedes your faithfulness.

When God Does Not Stop the Knife

READING · ROMANS 8:31–32

When Abraham raised the knife, God stopped him. When Jesus hung on the cross, God did not. That difference is everything. There was no substitute for Jesus because he was the substitute. Romans 8:32 asks a powerful question: if God did not withhold his own Son, what could he possibly withhold from you that you truly need? The cross is not just the greatest act of love in history. It is also the greatest act of provision. Every other need you will ever face has already been addressed by what happened on that hill.

REFLECTION

Do you trust God's provision in smaller matters as much as you trust him for your salvation?

TRY THIS WEEK

Spend time today meditating on the cross as an act of provision, not just forgiveness. Journal what it means that God gave his very best for you.

Faith That Keeps Walking

READING · MATTHEW 14:28–31

Peter walked on water the moment he trusted the word of Jesus. He began to sink the moment his circumstances grew louder than that word. The wind did not change. The waves did not stop. What changed was where Peter placed his attention. This is the daily battle of faith. God speaks. We obey. Then the storm gets loud and we start calculating whether the word still applies. But notice what happened the moment Peter began to sink. Jesus reached out immediately and caught him. You will not walk on water every day of your life, but you will never sink beyond his reach.

REFLECTION

What circumstances are currently louder than the word God has spoken to you?

TRY THIS WEEK

Find one Scripture that directly addresses your current fear or struggle. Read it aloud each morning this week, choosing to let God's word be louder than your circumstances.

The God Who Has Already Gone Ahead

READING · PSALM 139:1–6; MATTHEW 6:8

Prayer is not informing God. He already knows your words before you speak them and your needs before you ask. Prayer is an act of trust. It is saying, God, I know you see this, and I am placing it in your hands. Abraham did not call the place the Lord provided. He called it the Lord will provide. That name looks forward. It declares that what God has done before, he will do again. Whatever mountain you are facing today, God has already gone ahead of you. He has seen it. He has prepared for it. Jehovah Jireh is not just your history. He is your future.

REFLECTION

How does remembering past moments of God's provision strengthen your faith for what you face now?

TRY THIS WEEK

Make a list of three specific times God provided for you in the past. Keep it visible this week as a declaration that the God who provided then is the same God who will provide now.

Jehovah Jireh — The Lord Will Provide

OPENING PRAYER & ICE BREAKER

Ice Breaker: When you hear the word “provision,” what is the first thing that comes to mind? Why do you think our minds tend to go there first?

SERMON OVERVIEW

This week's message introduces the name Jehovah Jireh, meaning “The Lord will provide.” Through the story of Abraham and Isaac in Genesis 22, we explore what it means to trust God's provision even when circumstances make no sense. The Hebrew root of Jehovah Jireh means “to see,” reminding us that God sees our needs before we even recognize them ourselves.

KEY SCRIPTURE · GENESIS 22:14

So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Digging In

- 1 Before this message, what did you know about the name Jehovah Jireh? Did you know the story behind where the name came from?
- 2 The message described the difference between saying “God provided” and “the Lord will provide.” Why does that distinction matter, especially in the middle of a difficult season?
- 3 Abraham told his servants, “We will go and worship and come back to you,” even though he was headed to sacrifice his son. What does that reveal about the kind of faith Abraham had? What would that confidence look like today?

- 4 The ram was not revealed until after Abraham obeyed—after he climbed the mountain, built the altar, and raised the knife. Why do you think God often waits until we are fully committed before he reveals the provision?

Going Deeper

- 1 Peter walking on water was used to picture what happens when our circumstances get louder than God's word. Can you think of a time when fear drowned out what you knew God had said? What helped you refocus?
- 2 The message drew a parallel between Abraham offering Isaac and God offering Jesus. What stands out to you most about that comparison? How does knowing God did not spare his own Son change the way you trust him with your needs?
- 3 “Prayer is not informing God. Prayer is trusting God.” How does that reframe your prayer life? Does it change what you say or how you approach God?

Personal Reflection

- 1 What area of your life is God calling you to trust him in right now? Where are you waiting to see all the details before you take a step of obedience?
- 2 Instead of asking “How am I going to make this work?”, ask “What has God already promised to provide?” What promises from Scripture do you need to hold onto in your current season?

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- ✓ **Provision begins with vision** — God sees what we can't and knows what we need before we do.
- ✓ **Provision often follows obedience** — the ram appeared only after Abraham obeyed.
- ✓ **God's greatest provision was Jesus** — another Father offered another Son, and this time the sacrifice was complete.
- ✓ **“The Lord will provide” looks forward** — what God has done before, he will do again.

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE

This week, choose at least one to put into practice:

Option 1 Take a Step of Trust

Write down one area where you've been waiting on God to show up before you obey. Identify one concrete act of trust you can take this week, even before you see the outcome.

Option 2 Build a Provision List

List three to five moments where God clearly provided for you. Keep it somewhere visible as a reminder when the next obstacle comes—let your history with God build your faith.

Option 3 Pray to Trust, Not Inform

Pray this week using the posture from the message: not informing God of your situation, but surrendering it and declaring that you trust him with it.

Option 4 Root Your Need in God

If you've been seeking acceptance, worth, or forgiveness from people rather than God, name it honestly. Bring it to the Lord this week and ask him to meet that need at its root.

Option 5 Memorize Romans 8:32

Commit Romans 8:32 to memory. Let it anchor you whenever you question whether God will provide.

CLOSING PRAYER

Close your time together by praying over the specific areas where group members need to trust God's provision. Invite honesty and vulnerability. Ask God to build faith that obeys before it sees, and to remind each person that Jehovah Jireh has already gone ahead of them.

FOR FURTHER STUDY

- Genesis 22:1-14 — Abraham's test and the naming of Jehovah Jireh.
- Psalm 139 — God knows our words, thoughts, and ways completely.
- Matthew 6:8 — the Father knows what you need before you ask.
- Hebrews 11:17-19 — Abraham's faith, trusting God even to raise the dead.
- Romans 8:32 — if God gave his own Son, how will he not also give us all things.



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