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SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message

A Son Sacrificed - Isaac

With Aaron Richert,
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Mark 12:30 "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength."

Question: How can you measure "love for God"?

Genesis 22:1-12

Some time later, God tested Abraham's faith. "Abraham!" God called. "Yes," he replied. "Here I am."

² "Take your son, your only son—yes, Isaac, whom you love so much—and go to the land of Moriah. Go and sacrifice him as a burnt offering on one of the mountains, which I will show you."

³ The next morning Abraham got up early. He saddled his donkey and took two of his servants with him, along with his son, Isaac. Then he chopped wood for a fire for a burnt offering and set out for the place God had told him about. ⁴ On the third day of their journey, Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance.

⁵ "Stay here with the donkey," Abraham told the servants. "The boy and I will travel a little farther. We will worship there, and then we will come right back."

⁶ So Abraham placed the wood for the burnt offering on Isaac's shoulders, while he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them walked on together,

⁷ Isaac turned to Abraham and said, "Father?"

"Yes, my son?" Abraham replied.

"We have the fire and the wood," the boy said, "but where is the sheep for the burnt offering?"

⁸ "God will provide a sheep for the burnt offering, my son," Abraham answered. And they both walked on together.

⁹ When they arrived at the place where God had told him to go, Abraham built an altar and arranged the wood on it. Then he tied his son, Isaac, and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. ¹⁰ And Abraham picked up the knife to kill his son as a sacrifice. ¹¹ At that moment the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!"

"Yes," Abraham replied. "Here I am!"

¹² "Don't lay a hand on the boy!" the angel said. "Do not hurt him in any way, for now I know that you truly fear God. You have not withheld from me even your son, your only son."

Big Idea: Loving God fully requires putting our "Isaac's on the altar."

Matthew 10:39 "If you cling to your life, you will lose it; but if you give up your life for me, you will find it."

🎧 **But it's a humanly impossible task.**

Romans 1:21 "They traded the truth about God for a lie. So they worshiped and served the things God created instead of the Creator himself, who is worthy of eternal praise!"

🎧 **Jesus did what we can't: He loved the Father perfectly.**

Philippians 2:8 "[Jesus] humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross."

🎧 **Let's love the Giver and enjoy the Gifts.**

*"He is no fool who gives that which he cannot keep,
to gain what he cannot lose." - Jim Elliot*

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