



# FUSION

CHURCH OF MADISON

Sermon Guide for Tribes

December 4, 2022

Message Title: The Family Tree

Scripture: Matthew 1:1-2; Genesis 22:1-14

#### Matthew 1:1-2

1 The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. 2 Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers

#### Genesis 22:1-14

22 After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." 2 He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." 3 So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. 4 On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. 5 Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy[a] will go over there and worship and come again to you." 6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. 7 And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" 8 Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

9 When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. 10 Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. 11 But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." 12 He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." 13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. 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."

#### Points of Consideration:

Abraham's Faith was Ready

Abraham's Faith was Responsive

Abraham's Faith was Resolute

God's Provision is Testing

God's Provision is Timely

God's Provision is Trustworthy

## Discussion Questions:

Abraham's faith was ready in that Abraham was prepared to act in obedience when and where the Lord called him. Our faith in Christ isn't merely about placing our trust in Jesus as Savior, but also Lord. Meaning, we are committing to submit our will to God's. How can we prepare ourselves for God's next call to obedience?

Delayed obedience is disobedience. Partial obedience is disobedience. Abraham was not only ready to obey God, but he was also responsive to God's instructions. Have you delayed in responding to the will of God? Have you partially obeyed God's word? How can we prepare ourselves to be responsive to God's commands?

Abraham's faith was unwavering. Abraham had committed to following God's command entirely and to the end. God calls us not only to be ready and responsive but also resolute. He calls us to decide ahead of time that we will follow God no matter what comes. How can we decide today to be resolute in our commitment to follow God?

## Begin your time of discussion today by praying earnestly over the Sunday morning service!

### You Turn Ministries

- Soccer league: pray for You Turn's soccer ministry as it brings hundreds of people in to hear the Gospel from pastoral students who preach to the crowds at halftime.
  - o Thousands have come to Christ and five churches have been planted through the soccer ministry since February!
- Pray for nine pastor training schools, and over 200 students, who are being trained to plant churches over the next two years.
- Pray for the over 80 orphans that You Turn currently supports. Join with You Turn as they pray that God would develop these students into strong, Bible-believing adults that would greatly impact their villages!

### Church Plants!

- Hispanic Church Plant
    - Be in prayer for Pastor Roberto and his family and for God to open doors amongst the Hispanic community in Morgan County.
    - Pray for consistency from new families visiting the Bible study.
  - Walton County Church Plant
    - o Pastor Matt is collaborating with local pastors who have a heart for church planting to place a church in the Walton County area. Please pray that God would raise up a planter and a core group of church members and that God would open doors in the near future!
    - Specifically, pray for a planter who will lead this church; this is a huge obstacle for the initial stages of the plant.
    - Church leaders involved in this plant are assembling a core group of members interested in facilitating small groups and building its early congregation.
- Consider praying how God might lead you to live sent in participating in this local church effort!**

## Life Community Church, Weymouth, MA

- A building- currently, LCC Weymouth is meeting in a local community center as a mobile church. Having to borrow a space presents many inconveniences for all that the church would like to do and be. They are already praying that God would provide for them a permanent place to do ministry.
- “Dots on the Map”: LCC is designed to be a network of churches who continuously plant new churches all over the greater Boston area. The Weymouth parish is the most recent plant, and communities have been identified in Hull, Dorchester, Hingham, Randolph, etc. Pray that God would raise up communities of believers and pastors to shepherd them in these areas!
- Seach Elementary School, Weymouth, MA- Pray that God will give LCC favor in their relationship with this school. Pray for opportunities to cultivate relationships and share the Gospel.
- LCC hosted 400 people for their Fall Fun Fest, and over 50 families wanted more information about LCC as a result of that event! Pray that they will take another step in joining LCC for a service over the holidays, and pray that God will cultivate their hearts to hear and respond to the gospel!
- Pray for God to provide office space for LCC Weymouth to use as a home base in their community. They would love to use this space for community engagement and to help them be more organized.

## FCA

- As the ministry of FCA continues to grow in our 5-county area, pray for more people willing to Pray, Serve, and Give toward their efforts!
- Be in prayer for the weekly FCA Huddles in the Elementary, Middle, and High Schools. For some students, huddles are their only opportunities to hear God’s Word, and the Gospel is often presented in these early morning meetings. Pray for the message of Christ to take root and produce fruit in the lives of Morgan County students!
- Be in prayer for Year End Giving for FCA ministry resources. The goal is to raise \$30,000 this year to keep pace with the ministry, which has doubled in size in the past year and a half.
- Jason and Traci McBay will both be on staff for the FCA Winter Recharge in Cleveland, GA, on December 21-23. This camp is for all students 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. If you have a student who would like to attend, let Traci or Jason know! Please be in prayer for the athletes attending this camp!

## Timothy Initiative

- The East African team has been praying fervently for their field leaders and their families; many of them are experiencing significant health issues and are in need of prayer for both healing and financial provision.
  - Pray specifically for Pastor Simon Eloilo, a key leader in the Turkana mission work. Pastor Simon’s wife and daughters have been battling health problems for over 3 months now. His

wife, Oriba Kemunto, is currently in need of a third eye surgery, but the family lacks funds and is praying for God to provide a way for them.

- For both the staff and field leaders, prayer has been requested for grace and motivation to continue in service.

- TTI is an organization whose mission is to plant churches in countries all over the globe, to train native pastors to plant these churches, and to instill in them a Biblical desire to make disciples who make disciples.

- Pray for these pastors as they minister in often desolate, impoverished places with limited resources and cultural opposition.

- The cost of planting a church through TTI is \$400; consider how your tribe may impact believers across the globe by planting a church through TTI!

## **Nursing Home Ministry**

**- Daniel and Karrah Howell have recently spearheaded an effort to bless our local nursing home community. Specifically, we as a church are collecting items for which residents regularly ask. Below is a list that designates which items each tribe is collecting, and we would greatly appreciate your help!**

**Young Adult Tribe-little Knick-nacks, Yarn**

**Young Married Tribe-Adult coloring books, Cotton balls**

**Married & Singles Tribe-Nail polish remover, Men's aftershave.**

**Married(no childcare) Tribe-Devotional Books**

**Empty Nesters Tribe-Body Spray/Perfume**

**6th-12th grade Boys Tribe-Can soda/store brand(orange, grape, ginger ale)**

**6th-12th grade Girls Tribe-Little Debbie snacks/crackers/cookies**

**Married w/kids(McBay)- Bodywash, Emery boards**

**Married w/kids(Wadley/Joslin)-Deodorant, Bangle bracelets**

**Encore Senior Adults-gloves, stocking caps**

**Married Tribe(Broach)- Turbins, Bandanas, scarves**

**Please see Daniel or Karrah if you have any questions!**