

Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Series: AKA – *God Has A Name For Every Situation*

Message: Part 4 – PROVIDER

Speaker: Shawn Vandop

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Connect (20min)

1. **WALKIE TALKIE**

- a. What's the longest walk/hike you've ever gone on? Who went with you?
- b. What are a couple of your favorite places to walk or hike in the Chilliwack area?
- c. What is one place in BC that you have never walked or hiked that you would like to if you could?

2. **OPEN UP** – 📖 Read [Psalm 16](#). Respond with Praise to God & Prayer for One Another.

Message Discussion (45min)

1. **1 MINUTE FOCUS**

*Set a timer for 1 Minute, then have your group list off as many ways that GOD has provided for you, for us.

2. **MESSAGE FEEDBACK**

- a. What jumped out at you from this Sunday's message? Did you learn anything new?
How did you grow in your relationship with God because of what you learned? Discuss.
- b. What is something in your life that you would have a hard time sacrificing (giving up)?
- c. Is there something or someone you have trouble fully surrendering to God? What's "your Isaac"?

3. **THE LONG WALK** -- Read 📖 [Genesis 22:1-14](#)

- a. What thoughts and emotions run through your mind and heart as you read this passage?
- b. Does God test us? Why does God test us? How have you been tested by God?
- c. Can you recall how many days it took for Abraham & Isaac to walk from [Beersheba](#) to [Mt. Moriah](#) (Jerusalem)?
What do you think they were thinking and talking about as they made their way there?

4. **PROMISES – PROBLEMS – PROVISION**

Shawn talked about three ways our *Provider God* changes our lives.

Read them one at a time and then discuss them

a. **God's Promises are more powerful than my need for particulars.**

*Do you tend to need details before obeying God?

*How does delaying the details in our lives help us more clearly see God's provision in our lives?

b. **My Problems are opportunities for God to prove His faithfulness.**


*It took three days for Abraham to get to where God told him to go. Three days is a lot of time to change your mind. Has time ever impacted your obedience to God?

Have you ever backed out on what God told you to do?

*What do you think kept Abraham committed to obeying God?

- c. **All Abraham knew was that...** (a) God planned the future around Isaac, and
(b) God wanted him to sacrifice Isaac.

He couldn't reconcile the two, but he would obey anyway. That is faith.

*Read  [Hebrews 11:17-19](#) – what do these verses tell you?

- d. **God's Provision, not my problems, defines my future.**

*How does this story relate or point to the bigger story of *Jesus as God's provision for salvation*?

*What connections and similarities do you see between these two key stories and events? Discuss.

5. Can you think of a time in your life where you saw God provide “**at just the right time?**”

Application & Prayer (15min)

Throughout **Genesis 22:1-14** we observe Abraham:

- **Listening** to God's instructions.
- **Trusting** God with what he loved most in this world, i.e., his son Isaac.
- Even when God's commands were impossible to understand, and incredibly difficult to obey...
Abraham chose to trust God, the One who has authority over every moment, with a seemingly absurd request that was beyond what he could humanly comprehend.
In the end, Abraham experienced the incredible provision of God and learned that He could be trusted. God always lives up to his Name – **Jehovah Jireh** – *The LORD Will Provide!*

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- **Are you willing to learn to listen to God and obey Him?**
 - **Are you willing to trust God with what you love and care about on this earth?**
 - **Are you willing to follow God and be obedient even when times are tough, and circumstances don't make sense?**

PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER: *Break into groups of 3-4 or Men & Women for Prayer*

- **Where in your life do you need the presence and provision of *Jehovah Jireh* today?**
- **In response to all this -- how can we Pray for you?**
- **Share & Pray for one another.**

*And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus. **Philippians 4:19***

RESOURCES

Commentary:

YouTube - [The Bible Project – YAHWEH/JEHOVAH](#). <https://bibleproject.com/blog/why-did-god-ask-abraham-to-sacrifice-isaac>

www.gotquestions.org/Jehovah-Jireh.html

www.biblestudytools.com/bible-study/topical-studies/jehovah-jireh-the-lord-will-provide.html

www.crosswalk.com/faith/bible-study/reasons-the-events-at-mount-moriah-are-important-to-us-today.html

Song: [Jireh – Maverick City Music & Elevation Worship](#). Bible Plan: www.bible.com/reading-plans/2026-100-names-of-god

Books: [The Power of God's Names](#), Tony Evans. [The Names of God](#), Ann Spangler.