



God's Faithfulness in the Fire
Genesis 22:9-14

God's faithfulness is seen in the provision of His peace (Verses 9-10).

Text Message:

- We learned last week that Isaac is not a little child here.
- According to Rabbinic tradition, Isaac was 37. The Jewish historian Josephus records his age as 25.
- Regardless of Isaac's age, we must add 100 years to reach the age of his father.
- In other words, Isaac wasn't helpless or overpowered here.
- Notice what is missing here?
- There's no fight, no struggle, no arguing, no pleading, etc.
- On both the part of Abraham the Father as he raises the knife and Isaac the son as he lies on the altar, there is silence...
- The scene is violent yet filled with peace!
- It's been said that sometimes God calms the storm, other times he calms His child (within the storm)!
- When we are in the fire of our faith being tried, God's faithfulness to us is seen in the peace He gives that goes beyond human understanding!
- **Jesus Connection:** Like Isaac, silent on Mount Moriah, so on this mount Christ would die "like a lamb that is led to the slaughter... so he opened not his mouth." Isaiah 53:7
- *How do I experience such peace?* Do as Isaac did: surrender.

God's faithfulness is seen in the practice of remembrance (Verses 11-14).

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- There is a key phrase in Verse 14 that highlights the importance of remembrance (remembering God's saving activity in our lives in previous trials):
 So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide; as it is said to this day, "One the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."
- What this tells us is that at the time of writing many years later, this story was remembered and told as a monument of God's provision.
- **Remembrance Exercise:** Name a time where you saw the Hand of God through a trial: His provision, protection, perseverance, etc.
 - 1)
 - 2)
 - 3)
- As this story brought hope generations later, our stories bring hope to one another!
- **Jesus Connection:**
 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Romans 8:32
Note: The word "spare" here is the same Greek word as "withheld" in Genesis 22:12.

God's faithfulness is seen in the power of His Presence (Verse 14).

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- There is an alternate reading for Verse 14 that is seen in the footnotes of the ESV. If we allow for this alternate translation: So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will **see**; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD **He will be seen.**"
- *Why is this important?* Even when we do not see the answers we'd hoped for, there is still something of God to be seen!



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