

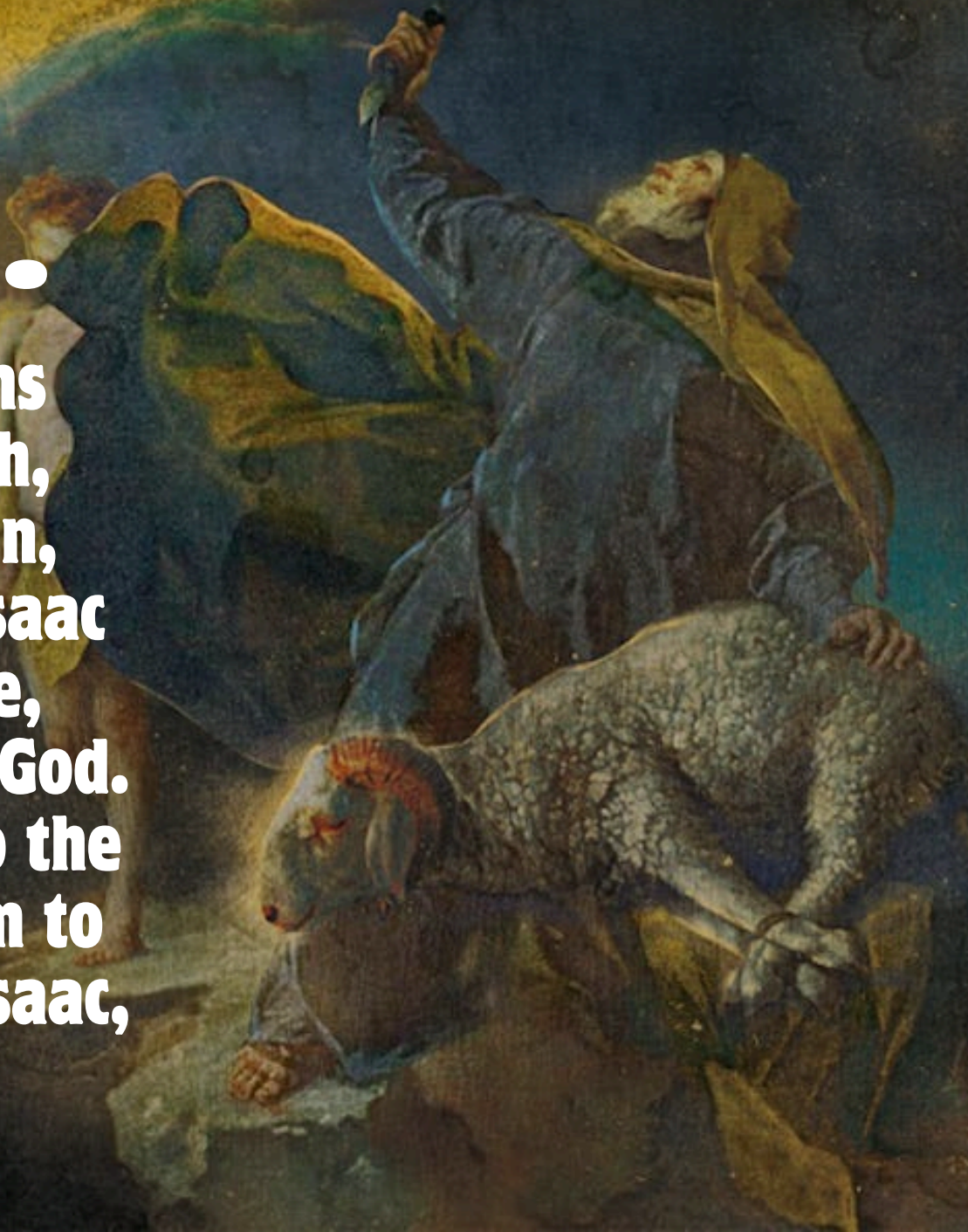


THE BIG STORY CHAPTER 5/25

Isaac: The Promise
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Today's Chapter...

After choosing Abrahams family to bless the Earth, God gave Abraham a son, Isaac. Abraham loved Isaac more than anything else, maybe even more than God. So, God put Abraham to the test and asked Abraham to give everything, even Isaac, to God...



Today's Scripture:

Genesis 22:9-14

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. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." 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." 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. 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."



The Story: Isaac

- **God's promise to bless the Earth through Abraham's family became very, very real when Abraham had his son Isaac when he was an old man.**
- **When God asked Abraham to sacrifice Isaac, He wasn't just asking Abraham to sacrifice his most beloved son, but his entire future.**
- **In fact, it seemed like God was asking Abraham to sacrifice the very promise He had once given Abraham.**
- **Yet, by responding to God in faith, Abraham was placing his trust in God above all things!**

Why it Matters in the Big Story

- Sometimes, God tests us so that we may learn more about ourselves and more about Him.**
- God's promises to us will never leave us, even when it seems like they will.**
- Ultimately, the story of Abraham and Isaac points us towards Jesus, the Son of God that was sacrificed for all our sins.**



GOD IS...

God is faithful.

When He makes a promise, He is going to keep it, even if we can't figure out how He'll do that.

Reflection Questions

1. **What did God ask Abraham to do?**
Sacrifice his son Isaac.
2. **Did God let Abraham do that?**
No, He stopped Abraham!
3. **Who was the Son that was actually sacrificed?**
Jesus.

Challenge Question: What are you willing to give to God this week?