

Remnant Life Church  
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## Worship During Life Genesis 22:1-18

**Abraham's heart was still set to worship God in spite of his circumstances.**

- Does what is going on around me determine if I will worship God?
- Am I willing to allow my whole life to be a demonstration of worship?

*(This account is the first physical fore-shadowing of the coming of Jesus)*

1. Abraham has just had an encounter with GOD
  - a. v 1 – God calls to Abraham and he answers
  - b. How often has God called us and we have not heard or are not listening?
    - i. Mind not set on Him
    - ii. Too many other things crowding Him out
    - iii. Be in an attitude of prayer (I Thes 5:17)
2. He receives unbelievable instructions
  - a. The better word is tested not tempted; God does not tempt us to do things contrary to His nature (James 1:13)
  - b. God had promised to make a nation of Abraham
    - i. Gen 12 - God makes the promise of a great nation
    - ii. Gen 15 – God makes the covenant
    - iii. He also states that the nation will be from Abraham's son
  - c. v 2 – God instructs Abraham to sacrifice Isaac
    - i. Go to Mount Moriah – the only other time this place is mentioned is in I Chron 3:1 the place that Solomon would build the temple – a place of countless number of sacrifices to God
    - ii. It took Abraham to the age of 100 to get his son
    - iii. He had been disobedient in that time by taking Hagar
    - iv. The contention between the line of Isaac and the line of Ishmael continues today (Israeli and Arabic nations)
3. He is put to the test to answer two questions
  - a. First – does Abraham love God more than anyone else?
  - b. Second – does he believe the hope of the promise fulfilled lies in God or in Isaac?
4. Abraham demonstrates his character and faith in verse 5

- a. Tells the servants to stay
  - i. They could have tried to intervene and stop him
  - ii. He did not want any distractions or interference
- b. Says they will go and worship God
  - i. If this had been you would you have felt like worshipping God?
  - ii. He was still focused on God and not on his circumstances
- c. States “we will come back to you”
  - i. They traveled for 3 days with Abraham believing that his son was as good as dead; the third day proved to be Isaac’s resurrection in Abraham’s eyes
  - ii. What God promised meant more to him than what he was facing
  - iii. He did not doubt God’s word
  - iv. Must have known that God would provide a way
  - v. Isaac too demonstrated uncommon faith not only in God but in his father

**What does this have to do with worship and what we believe here at RLC?**

1. God desires our worship in all times of our life
2. Worship
  - a. Is not just the songs we sing
  - b. Worship is a lifestyle given to God
    - i. I trust Him
    - ii. I honor Him
    - iii. I fear Him
    - iv. I express my love to Him
3. My greatest heart’s desire as the pastor of RLC is that this church understand that worship is not about how I feel it is about who I am.
4. Change our thinking from “did I like the worship time today” to “did God like the worship time today?”