

## “What Should I Do?”

“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?’

Abraham said, ‘God will provide for himself the lamb  
for a burnt offering, my son.’ So they went both of them together.”

Genesis 22:7-8 (ESV)

**A**braham did three things when the Lord gave him the most incomprehensible command he had ever heard from the God he worshipped and served. He was emotionally distraught and confused at the command to sacrifice his son Isaac in an offering to the Lord.

First, Abraham obeyed the will of God to do the most difficult task he would ever perform in his life. Second, Abraham worshipped this God he did not understand. Then, lastly, Abraham trusted God when throwing in the towel and walking away from his faith made more sense than complying with the Lord’s command to kill his beloved son Isaac.

Hebrews 11:1 reads, “Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” (ESV). We understand that

Abraham was persuaded that his son would come back to life again if he died as a sacrifice. God had promised Abraham that Isaac would be the father of a great nation. Abraham had never heard of a resurrection occurring but decided that if his son died he would be resurrected to fulfill the Lord’s prophecy.

If life takes a difficult turn believe that the Lord’s grace is sufficient (2 Corinthians 12:9) and that the Good Shepherd will tenderly and graciously deal with you “He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young. (Isaiah 40:11). 1 Thessalonians 5:24 “The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.” (NIV)

Of course the ultimate demonstration of the Lord’s loving provision for

His people is seen in the offering up of His Son for us. Paul makes a forceful argument when he writes, “He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?” Romans 8:32 (NKJV).

All Christians shall have a share of trials and tribulations in life as Paul said in 1 Thessalonians 3:3-4 (NIV) “...that no one should be shaken by these afflictions; for you yourselves know that we are appointed to this. For, in fact, we told you before when we were with you that we would suffer tribulation, just as it happened...”. So seek to be calm in the storm and keep praying the promises of Scripture to bring the grace of God to your situation.

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