

WAYMAKER

What God is saying to you this Easter

Pastor Doug - April 1, 2018

1. Trust My TIMING.

Now the LORD was gracious to Sarah as He had said, and the LORD did for Sarah what He had promised. Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the very time God had promised him. Abraham gave him the name Isaac..."
Genesis 21:1-3

Galatians 4:4 — But when the **right time came**, God sent His Son...

2. Anticipate My PROVISION.

Genesis 22:1-2 — Some time later ...God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you."

Genesis 22:6-8 — Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?" "Yes, my son?" Abraham replied. "The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" Abraham answered, "**God himself will provide** the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together.

Genesis 22:9-12 — When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. But the angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham! ... "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him....

Genesis 22:13-14 — Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place **The Lord Will Provide**. And to this day it is said, "**On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided.**"

John 3:16 — For God **so loved** the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life

3. Receive My LOVE and FORGIVENESS.

I John 4:9-10 — This is how God showed His love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an **atonement sacrifice for our sins**.

I John 1:8-9 — If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to **forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness**.

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Life Group Discussion & Questions

BREAKING THE ICE: Catch up with each other. What did your Easter weekend include?

DIGGING IN: Even though the crucifixion and resurrection happen in the New Testament, prophecies and foreshadows of Jesus, started long before that in the Old Testament. In fact, Abraham, known as the Father of faith, is a case in point.

1. Read Genesis 22:1-14. In what ways is this story foreshadowing Good Friday?
2. Although this story involves a test of Abraham, it is far more about a revelation of God. It is God speaking to us about the kind of God He is. Review points 1 & 2, from these notes Which one speaks most to you at this time? Explain.
3. Read the verses under point #3. Describe how the love of God impacts you on a daily basis.

BRINGING IT HOME: Jesus is the ultimate Waymaker! He makes a way to the Father, and He opens the resources of heaven to us. Take some time and list some of the benefits we have in Christ Jesus. Take those with you this upcoming week.