

In Genesis 22 we read about Abraham being willing to sacrifice Isaac because God was asking him to. I had never really thought about this passage as a missions message before last weekend. I was at a missions convention with a friend of mine who pastors a church in Oklahoma City. The missionary that spoke used this text to give an example of a “faith promise.” Abraham was willing to give everything to God, and he told God so. God asked him to give the thing that he treasured the most – his son! Abraham was no doubt confused. How could God ask for this one thing? How could God make his offspring into a great nation if he were to take his only son? Abraham had no clue how God was going to move – but he knew that God was calling him to give his most treasured possession.

We all know the story. God provided a ram for the sacrifice. God asked Abraham for something he dearly loved. Abraham obeyed God. God provided a miracle for Abraham. Through Abraham’s obedience to God – his offspring became a great nation!

My question for all of us today is simply this – what do you hold on to so dearly that you are not willing to sacrifice it? Do we hold on to things that are more important to us than being obedient to God? We often ask churches to sacrifice for missions and missionaries. What do you think God requires of you?

We love you! Let us know how God is moving in your life. Are you learning any new lessons? Going through any tough times?

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