

# A Father's Sacrifice

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**Genesis 22, Luke 15**

**1** Now it came about after these things, that God tested Abraham, and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” **2** He said, “Take now your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I will tell you.” **3** So Abraham

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rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and Isaac his son; and he split wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him...**9** Then they came to the place of which God had told him; and Abraham built the altar there and arranged the wood, and bound

## **Genesis 22**



his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. **10** Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. **11** But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” **12** He said, “Do not stretch out your hand against the lad, and do nothing to him; for now I

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know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.”

**13** Then Abraham raised his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him a ram caught in the thicket by his horns; and Abraham went and took the ram and offered him up for a burnt offering in the place of his son.

**Genesis 22**



# The Sacrifice of Obedience



**11** And He said, “A man had two sons. **12**

The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the estate that falls to me.’ So he divided his wealth between them. **13** And not many days later, the younger son gathered everything together and went on a journey into a distant

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country, and there he squandered his estate with loose living. **14** Now when he had spent everything, a severe famine occurred in that country, and he began to be impoverished. **15** So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

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**16** And he would have gladly filled his stomach with the pods that the swine were eating, and no one was giving anything to him.

**17** But when he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have more than enough bread, but I am dying here with hunger! **18** I will get up and go

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to my father, and will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight;  
**19** I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me as one of your hired men.”’ **20**

So he got up and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion for him,

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and ran and embraced him and kissed him. **21**  
And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned  
against heaven and in your sight; I am no  
longer worthy to be called your son.' **22** But  
the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly bring  
out the best robe and put it on him, and put  
a ring on his hand and sandals on his

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feet; **23** and bring the fattened calf, kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; **24** for this son of mine was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.' And they began to celebrate.

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# The Sacrifice of Forgiveness



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