

Promise Maker

Ready:

“Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied. Then 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 22:1-2

Set

Everything that we have is a gift from God, even the ability you possess to play your sport. The talent that we have is given to us by God, and we should remember that each day. If you are passionate about your sport, then you likely have dreams to continue your career in college or even in professional ball. But I challenge you with this, if called to by the Lord, are you willing to give up your sport, trusting in God’s plan for your life over your own? Most of us wrestle with this question and if we were honest many of us would say yes, but not many would actually be able to follow through. Even if God has given us the talent and the desire to play our sport, our first desire should be obedience to our Lord.

In Genesis chapter 22, we see the story of Abraham and his son Isaac. All Abraham wanted in his life was a son, and throughout his life, God had promised to give him one. Even though Abraham had to wait until he was very old, God came through and gave Abraham a son, Isaac. Then, when Isaac was just a teenager, God calls Abraham to do the unthinkable, to sacrifice his one and only son to the Lord. Wild right? Even though this was difficult for Abraham to understand, he put his trust in the Promise Maker rather than the promise itself and agreed to God’s order. Once God saw that Abraham was willing to trust God with his most precious gift, God spared Isaac’s life and blessed Abraham for his obedience.

Many of us dream of playing our sport at the next level, but for a dream like Abraham, we may have to wait on and work for it our whole life. Now I want you to think, if you finally reached that goal, and then God called you away from it, would you be able to give it up? Would you trust in the One who made it possible for you to achieve these dreams even when it doesn’t make sense?

Would you give up your plan in favor of His plan? Throughout Scripture and possibly in your own life, you’ll find that God’s plan always reigns true and good.

Go

- What are your dreams in life? What’s your big goal?
- How can you desire God over the gifts that God gives you?
- Are you driving your future or willing to submit to the Will of God?

Workout

Genesis 22: 3-19; 1 Samuel 15:22

Overtime

“Heavenly Father, we praise You for who You are and not for what You have given us. We realize all we have is because of You, and we pray today that we have an obedient heart and a willing spirit to desire Your Will above our own. Give us the strength to place our desires at Your feet today.”

Bible Reference:

Genesis 22:1-2

Genesis 22:3-19

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