

LIVING in the Amen

GENESIS 22:1-18



The **CITY Of GRACE** *Mobile*
Reaching & Restoring by Grace



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A promised son.

A difficult command.

A surrendered heart.

A blessing that reaches
generations.



I.
DON'T WORSHIP
THE *promise*

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THE PROMISE MUST NEVER REPLACE THE PROMISER

- The Promise Must Never Replace the Promiser.
- Abraham valued the Giver more than the gift.



A BLESSING CAN BECOME AN IDOL

- A blessing can become an *idol*.
- Fulfillment is an *identity* before it is an achievement.



FULFILLMENT

Fulfillment is knowing
who you are and
Whose you are, even
when circumstances
change.



II.

SURRENDER GETS US OUT OF OUR

Heads



A NEW FOUNDATION FOR THOUGHT

Abraham did not stop thinking. He changed the *foundation* from which he was thinking.



FAITH CHANGES THE STARTING POINT

Faith doesn't stop thinking; faith changes the *starting* point. Faith does not require you to abandon your mind. It teaches your mind where to *stand*.



CHANGE THE

Anchor

Don't stop thinking.
Change what your
thinking is anchored
to.



III.

SURRENDER ENDS THE ARGUMENT IN OUR *Heads*

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WHEN THINKING
BECOMES

Overthinking

Eventually, thinking
becomes overthinking,
and overthinking
becomes an attempt to
control tomorrow before
tomorrow arrives.



DIRECTION WITHOUT DETAILS

Abraham did not have all the answers when he climbed Mount Moriah.

Sometimes God gives direction without details.



EXPLANATION TO *Obedience*

Surrender moves us
from explanation to
obedience.

Faith doesn't mean I
have **no** questions.



IV.

A FULFILLED LIFE
BECOMES A
BLESSING TO *Others*

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THE BLESSING WAS NEVER MEANT TO STOP

God's blessing was
never intended merely
to stop with Abraham.



RECEIVED AND RELEASED

Being blessed
received while living
blessed *releases*.



BEYOND YOUR HANDS

The blessing reaches its greatest purpose when what God puts in your hands begins *touching* lives beyond your hands.



THINK GENERATIONALLY

A fulfilled life thinks
generationally.

Abraham's obedience was
connected to people
Abraham had never met.
Because somebody is
coming *behind* you.



V.

THE PROMISE BECAME ABRAHAM'S

Lifestyle

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FROM WAITING TO LIVING

Abraham was no longer simply a man waiting for a promise. He had become a man living according to the promise.



ABRAHAM'S FORMATION

1. First, Abraham had to learn to trust God.
2. Second, he had to learn to wait on God.
3. Third, he had to learn not to worship what God gave him.
4. Then he had to learn to surrender what he valued most.



FROM WAITING TO LIVING

Faith had become the way
Abraham *lived*.



THE PROMISE AS A *Framework*

The promises of God must
become the framework
through which we:

Think • Choose •

Respond

Love • Give • Serve •

Live



WHAT IS THE HOLY SPIRIT

saying to you?

- What promise are you tempted to worship instead of the Promiser?
- What argument in your head needs to end in surrender?
- Who should experience God's blessing through the way you live?

