



## Week 10: The Best Thing A Dad (and everybody else) Can Do

We're all looking for something to build our life on that gives us value, meaning, and joy. And when we find it, it easily becomes the object of our worship and the anchor of our identity. God knows this about us because he designed us this way. We were made to worship, and specifically, made to worship Him. But what God creates, Satan counterfeits so we put our identity in the wrong things. Genesis 22 is a story about what we *can* do and what God *will* do when He is the sole source of our worship and the foundation of our identity.

### Discussion Questions:

1. Genesis 22 is one of the most difficult chapters in the Bible, but ends with beauty, hope, and grace. Why do you think God tests Abraham in this way?
2. This story is about more than just obedience. At its core, it's about identity. What does it mean to have your identity anchored in God rather than in roles, achievements, or relationships? How can you tell when something else is becoming the anchor of your identity? Can you share a time when you placed your identity in something or someone other than Jesus? How did you shift to anchoring your identity in Christ?
3. Abraham says that he and Isaac are going to worship. One of the most challenging times to worship God is when He doesn't make sense. But why might this be the most important time to worship God? How does a firmly established identity in Jesus help us walk through tests and trials well?
4. Is there anything in your life right now that you need to lay on the altar and offer up to God?
5. How does this story point us to Jesus and the gospel? This week, write out the short story you are currently living in 5-10 words, and then add this to the ending... "but God will see to it." Be reminded that God is present with you and God will provide everything you need.