

# Jehovah Jireh

## God Will Provide

### DAY ONE

Let's begin this week by reading Genesis 22. Read it at least twice to familiarize yourself with the people and events.

#### Genesis 22

*Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. 2 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." 3 Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. 4 On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. 5 He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you." 6 Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, 7 Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?" "Yes, my son?" Abraham replied. "The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" 8 Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together. 9 When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. 10 Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. 11 But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. 12 "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son." 13 Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. 14 So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided." 15 The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time 16 and said, "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, 17 I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, 18 and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me." 19 Then Abraham returned to his servants, and they set off together for Beersheba. And Abraham stayed in Beersheba. 20 Some time later Abraham was told, "Milkah is also a mother; she has borne sons to your brother Nahor: 21 Uz the firstborn, Buz his brother, Kemuel (the father of Aram), 22 Kesed, Hazo, Pildash, Jidlaph and Bethuel." 23 Bethuel became the father of Rebekah. Milkah bore these eight sons to Abraham's brother Nahor. 24 His concubine, whose name was Reumah, also had sons: Tebah, Gaham, Tahash and Maakah.*

● Genesis 22 starts off "sometime later," referencing us back to the previous chapter of Isaac's birth. This is the long-awaited son of God's promise. The fact that Abraham and Sarah were both so well advanced in years proved that it was God who enabled Sarah to conceive and bear this son. The name Isaac means "laughter." What a joy this son must have been as he brought laughter into their home.

As a child of God, how committed are you to unconditionally loving God? You don't have to write an answer, just keep this question in the back of your mind as you study this week.

● What was Abraham instructed by God to do? \_\_\_\_\_

● How did God describe Isaac? \_\_\_\_\_

● I cannot imagine the thoughts running through Abraham's mind when God gave him this assignment. I might have said, what Lord, you want me to do what? Don't you know how long we've waited? Don't you know how much we love this boy? According to Genesis 22:8, what did Abraham believe about God that enabled him to continue on in obedience? \_\_\_\_\_

● Our God does not tempt anyone to do evil, but he does test the commitment of his people. Describe a time when your faith in God was put to the test? \_\_\_\_\_

## DAY TWO

● Have you ever spent any time truly considering why we go through trials and tests?

We test from time to time, just to be sure we have not missed something and are unaware of it. After all, how can anyone know they missed something unless it is brought to their attention? Teachers understand the benefit of testing, despite most students belief that it's simply to cause them stress.

Testing also allows us an opportunity to work out and resolve some kink or issue that might later trip us up. Computer programmers are constantly testing and looking for things that will enable the program to run more smoothly. I have 9 apps that need updating on my phone as I write this, and I just updated it yesterday.

● Testing reveals integrity. Road workers test the integrity of bridges on a regular basis in order to keep us safe. I could go on and on. Can you think of anything else that is periodically tested for integrity?

● Can you think of any other reasons or benefits to testing? \_\_\_\_\_

● We understand that testing is important in life, so why do we get confused when we read that God tested Abraham? God knew Abrahams heart better than he knew it himself. Who needed to see the outcome, God or Abraham? \_\_\_\_\_

Read James 1:2-5 about times of testing.

James 1:2-5 (TPT - The Passion Translation)

*My fellow believers, when it seems as though you are facing nothing but difficulties, see it as an invaluable opportunity to experience the greatest joy that you can! 3 For you know that when your faith is tested it stirs up power within you to endure all things. 4 And then as your endurance grows even stronger it will release perfection into every part of your being until there is nothing missing and nothing lacking. 5 And if anyone longs to be wise, ask God for wisdom and he will give it! He won't see your lack of wisdom as an opportunity to scold you over your failures, but he will overwhelm your failures with his generous grace.*

According to James, the brother of Jesus, times of testing will come. How are we as believer's supposed to respond? \_\_\_\_\_

What is to be our focus if we are to be successful in our times of testing? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you believe Abraham learned from his testing? \_\_\_\_\_

Two key verses worth memorizing are Job 42:1-2 and Philippians 4:12-13. Both Job and the apostle Paul understood times of testing. Write the verses below.

Job 42:1-2 \_\_\_\_\_

Philippians 4:12-13 \_\_\_\_\_

What did you learn from reading this story of Abraham's great faith in God? \_\_\_\_\_

Read James 1:12-13 (TPT).

*If your faith remains strong, even while surrounded by life's difficulties, you will continue to experience the untold blessings of God! True happiness comes as you pass the test with faith and receive the victorious crown of life promised to every lover of God! 13 When you are tempted don't ever say, "God is tempting me," for God is incapable of being tempted by evil and he is never the source of temptation.*

Describe below, in your own words, the difference between temptation and testing.

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## DAY THREE

Abraham was one of many examples in the Bible of people's faith being put to the test. Some were good examples, and some were not so good. Read 1 Corinthians 10:1-7, then summarize what purpose the stories of others who were weak in their faith play in our walk of faith?

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### 1 Corinthians 10:1-7

*My dear fellow believers, you need to understand that all of our Jewish ancestors who walked through a wilderness long ago were under the glory cloud and passed through the waters of the sea on both sides. 2 They were all baptized into the cloud of glory, into the fellowship of Moses, and into the sea. 3 They all ate the same heavenly manna 4 and drank water from the same spiritual rock that traveled with them—and that Rock was Christ himself. 5 Yet God was not pleased with most of them, and their dead bodies were scattered around the wilderness. 6 Now, all these things serve as types and pictures for us—**lessons that teach us not to fail in the same way** by callously craving worthless things 7 and practicing idolatry, as some of them did.*

Below are two more examples of God's miraculous intervention and provision on behalf of his people, Israel. How do Exodus 15:22-25 and 16:1-4 reveal their true hearts toward Jehovah? Do they really see him as their deliverer and provider? How is the name Jehovah Jireh displayed in these two sections of Scripture? \_\_\_\_\_

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### Exodus 15:22-25

Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea and they went into the Desert of Shur. For three days they traveled in the desert without finding water. 23 When they came to Marah, they could not drink its water because it was bitter. (That is why the place is called Marah.) 24 So the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "What are we to drink?" 25 Then Moses cried out to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a piece of wood. He threw it into the water, and the water became fit to drink.

### Exodus 16:1-4

The whole Israelite community set out from Elim and came to the Desert of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had come out of Egypt. 2 In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. 3 The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the Lord's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death." 4 Then the Lord said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions.

Our obedience to God's plan builds our spiritual muscles and helps us see the faithfulness of God on a new level. Genesis 17:19 says, "Then God said, 'Yes, but your wife Sarah will bear you a son, and you will call him Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him.'" What specifically had God promised Abraham in Genesis 17:5-8? \_\_\_\_\_

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- Do you believe Abraham saw himself in a different light after the events described in Genesis 22? In what way do you believe he was changed? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Do you believe Abraham viewed God's love in a new light after this event? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- In what way do you believe this might have changed Abraham's future conversations with others? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- As you have experienced God's amazing provision, how were you changed by it? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Did you view God's love differently? \_\_\_\_\_
- Did it change the way you talk about God? \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you pray with and for others with a bold confidence in our God? \_\_\_\_\_

#### DAY FOUR

- Read the verses below and write out your thoughts on the truth found here.

Scripture	Your Thoughts
Genesis 18:14 <i>Then the LORD said to Abraham... Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son.</i>	
Jeremiah 32:17 <i>"Ah, Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you."</i>	
Jeremiah 33:1-3 <i>While Jeremiah was still confined in the courtyard of the guard, the word of the LORD came to him a second time: 2 "This is what the LORD says, he who made the earth, the LORD who formed it and established it—the LORD is his name: 'Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.'</i>	
Matthew 19:26 <i>Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."</i>	

● God was with Abraham, Isaac and the servants every step of the way. When this section of Scripture is taught, we often hear someone say something like, "I could never offer my son like Abraham!" God is not calling you to do that. But after studying Jehovah Jireh, if he did, what can we be sure of?

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● In John 21:15-17, Jesus asked Peter, "Do you love me more than these?" This is a hard thing to think about, but we cannot have anything we love more than God. When Jesus was asked to name the greatest commandment in Matthew 22:37, he replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." I believe God is asking us the same thing—Do we love him more than other things? What comes to mind when you hear these words? Are there some things you might try to hold back? \_\_\_\_\_

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## DAY FIVE

● Abraham loved his son more than almost anything. To what degree did Abraham love his God?

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● According to Genesis 22:5, what did Abraham's love for God lead to? \_\_\_\_\_

● In Genesis 22:5, what does Abraham say to his servants with complete confidence, "... we will \_\_\_\_\_"

● What future event was this sacrifice a picture of? \_\_\_\_\_

● Who would later be the provision of God, the Lamb offered on behalf of all mankind? \_\_\_\_\_

● What did Abraham name this place? \_\_\_\_\_

● Do you have a place of remembrance like this mount? Is there a place where God provided for you so miraculously you feel it serves as a memorial stone in your walk of faith? \_\_\_\_\_

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● Describe a time when you experienced God as your Jehovah Jireh? \_\_\_\_\_

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● What is your takeaway after your time studying the name Jehovah Jireh? \_\_\_\_\_

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