

06-25-23 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“...in Abraham and Isaac we see modeled both obedience and freedom in the service of God’s will. Both postures are characterized by trust that God’s grace accompanies and surrounds our obedience to God’s will and our willing choices to serve the divine purpose of God’s work in the world...Whether answering God’s call or making ourselves freely available to God’s purposes, we trust in God’s grace.”

- Bruce C. Birch



Genesis 22:1-14

Questions for Reflection —

- In what specific ways have you known God’s generous provision over the course of your life? What presently tests your faith and/or your trust in God’s good intentions for your life? In what ways are you now facing circumstances which are challenging you or perhaps even seem impossible to overcome? What would it mean for you to trust that God will provide and can bring new life out of what seems impossible?

- What would be the hardest thing for you to give up if God asked it of you? Is there something to which you are clinging that God might be asking you to release for the sake of your discipleship? What is the internal resistance to walking the path God has set before you? What would it look like for you to make yourself freely available to serve God’s divine purposes? What would it look like for you to keep your eyes fixed on Jesus as you serve God’s purposes?

- What helps you to discern God’s will for various aspects of your life? What does it currently look like for you to trust and obey God’s call? What will help you remain faithful to following God’s purposes if and/or when the way forward seems unclear? What do you need in order to flourish in the midst of any struggles you are facing as you follow God’s call? What are the spiritual practices that keep you grounded?

Daily Household Prayer

Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you and favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may fix our eyes on him and steadfastly follow in the paths of your kingdom. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.