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Let Go Of The Sacrifice

Scripture Reading Genesis Chapter 22: 1-19

Dear Chosen One: In Genesis Chapter 22, we read that God asked Abraham to sacrifice Isaac his only son. The Bible says that Abraham was a man of faith. In verse 5, Abraham told his servants to stay with the Ass (donkey) while he and his son went to offer a sacrifice unto God. The thing that caught my eyes was, Abraham knew that he was going to offer up his son, but he still told his servants that he and the lad (his son) would return to them. How could Abraham go to offer up a sacrifice and yet return with it?

This man knew that the God he served was able to raise up his son from the dead. He knew that God was able to do the impossible regardless of what his mind was telling him. The problem many people have today is that they don't believe that God is able to do the impossible or take care of the situation that they are facing. Some people are still holding on to the sacrifice that God told them to offer up to Him. For you to obtain the blessing you will have to let go of the sacrifice.

As I was reading my morning devotion, I heard the Holy Spirit say, "**Bridget, in order for you to receive the blessing, you must offer up the sacrifice by letting go of those things you are holding on to.**" Oftentimes fear of failure, the unknown, and starting over could cause a person to keep holding on to things - their past, old memories, and people. Why? These things have brought them comfort and made them feel safe. We need to stop holding on to people and things that are delaying God's blessing from reaching us. The sacrifice could be anything or anyone that you refuse to let go.

Many people have the misconception that God wants something from them when the truth is God wants to be a blessing to them. However, if they are still holding on to the sacrifice, they will be unable to receive their blessing.

In verse 10, we read Abraham was about to slay his only son, when God sent an angel to stop him from slaying his son for the sacrifice. God had another Son, one that He was going to use in due season as the sacrificial Lamb-His name was and is Jesus. Therefore, I believe, even though Abraham was willing to offer up his only son, God was not going to withhold His only Son-Jesus.

From the very beginning of time God knew that His Son Jesus was going to be the sacrifice Lamb to save humanity from their sin. In Abraham's situation, God was not looking for a human sacrifice, so He provided a lamb in the bush for Abraham to offer up instead of his son.

Abraham's faith, however, had to be tested and after it was proven to be genuine, God was ready to bless him. Abraham was willing to let go of the sacrifice in his hands to obtain God's blessing. In verses 16-18, This is what the Lord says: "**By Myself I have sworn, says the Lord, because you have done this thing and have not withheld your son, your only son—blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; your descendants shall possess the gates of their enemies. In your seed all nations on the earth shall be blessed because you obeyed My voice.**"

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I don't know about you, but I am looking forward for God to **'bless me, allow me to conquer my enemies, and allow me to be a blessing to those people whom He sends my way.'** I know what you are thinking, this promise was for Abraham and his seed, and it doesn't pertain to us. Here is some good news, if you belong to Christ and placed your faith in Him, then you are a seed of Abraham and heirs according to the promises of God. (Galatians 3:29.) Don't let this revelation go over your head without claiming it.

The blessing was for Abraham and his seed (Jesus), but it's also for you, your children, your children's children, and all those who are in Christ Jesus. They are entitled to this blessing! This is a revelation from the Holy Spirit. It doesn't matter what your enemies think, or what your situation looks like now. The Word of God says that you shall possess the gates of your enemies and through Abraham's seed many nations will be blessed. **God said it and that settles it!**

God works in seasons. Oftentimes, it looks like God is taking His time to fulfill His promises in our lives. And we are tempted to step out and help God with that promise. God doesn't work from our calendar; He operates in a **"set time"** or in **"due season."** Your season of blessings could be right now if you are willing to obey God's voice and release the sacrifice in your hands.

The Bible used the word "Abraham's seed" as a singular word but let me explain this word to you. If you plant one seed that seed produces a plant or tree. When the tree bears fruit depends on the kind of fruit. Each fruit has a seed or seeds, but it all comes from that one seed that was planted. With one seed you can produce a great harvest. It will take time for your seed to harvest but you will reap more that you sowed.

Abraham was going to sacrifice his only son Isaac, but God provided a lamb and spared Isaac's life. Then, God used Isaac -Abraham's seed/son to fulfill the promise He made to Abraham. Through Isaac's lineage the twelve Tribes of Judah were birthed and all the other nations of the earth. The

Bible says in Abraham's seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed.

Today, I want to say to everyone who is reading this newsletter—**let go of the sacrifice and receive your blessing.** In Genesis Chapter 22:19 it reads, **"So Abraham returned to his young men (servants), and they rose and went together to Beersheba..."** When Abraham left his servants, he went with the wood, fire, and his son but when he came back, he had his son and a promise from God.

In the eyes of the servants Abraham came back with less things in his hands. In the spiritual atmosphere, however, he had a promise, and a greater blessing awaiting. Without spiritual eyes some people are unable to see what God has promised. You look ordinary in their sight, but in God's sight you are a vessel of honor that He is going to use to fulfill His promises on this earth. Abraham came back with unseen descendants who were much more in number than the one he was prepared to sacrifice.

The logic of this story is God's promises are not revocable, and no devil, demon, past circumstances, or person can stop God from blessing you. On the other hand, your disobedience and unrepentant sin can delay God from operating in your season.

You may be wondering what God wants you to offer up as a sacrifice. My friend, seek the Holy Spirit for guidance. However, that sacrifice may be a person, thing, behavior, habit, memory, job, home, car, phone, child, friend. Whatever it is, you must sacrifice it. Isaac was Abraham's only son, but he was willing to obey God's voice and sacrifice him. It took great Faith to demonstrate that kind of obedience.

This is your season to receive your blessings and conquer your enemies. I want you to visualize **"that thing or person"** you need to sacrifice and then put it on the altar. I promise, it will be worth the blessing you will receive from God. Plus, your blessings will be even better than the sacrifice you are willing to offer up. **You can do it!**

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