

THE BIBLE EXPERIENCE:
The Journey From Death To Life
(The Binding of Isaac)
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Introduction: God’s plan of redemption is to provide a way for sinful, mortal human beings to be delivered from certain death and given a new and abundant life (eternal life). As Jesus said *“whoever hears my words and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life”* (John 5:24)

1. “As you watch that video, do you find yourself identifying with anyone? If so, whom? And why?” _____

2. Read Genesis 22:1-19.

3. “Why do you think God was so specific in verse 2 when he told Abraham, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac...”? _____

4. “The Bible uses only thirty words in verses 9 and 10 to describe what must have been an emotional, even tragic scene: ‘Abraham bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.’ What unrecorded words/emotions/actions do you imagine taking place in those moments?” _____

5. “In verse 12, God said to Abraham, ‘Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.’ Doesn’t God know everything? Why do you think God took as long as he did and let Abraham go as far as he did, if God already knew what was going to happen? _____

6. “Notice that God refers repeatedly to Isaac as ‘your son, your only son’ (vv. 2, 12, 16). Why do you think he repeated that phrase?” _____

7. “Look over verses 10-13 again. What do you think Isaac would have been feeling as the ram was slaughtered and sacrificed? As he and his father traveled back?” _____

8. Read Hebrews 11:17-19. “What light—if any—do those verses shed on the reading from Genesis 22?” _____

9. "Isaac lived many years (he lived to the age of 180!) after he nearly died on Mount Moriah. How do you think his experience on Mount Moriah might have affected him in the remaining years of his life? _____

10. "Does this story reflect a life experience for you in any way? If so, how?" _____

11. "What are some ways this story should or can reflect your experience in the future?" _____

Point to remember: *God's great plan of salvation provides a way out for me – out of death and into life – new life, abundant life, eternal life.*

Memory Verse: *"whoever hears my words and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life" (John 5:24)*

Reflection Time:

- ✓ How would I like to be different at the end of this study (5 weeks)?
- ✓ What do I want God to do for me, in me and through me?

Next week: The Journey from Slavery to Freedom : David and Goliath

