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Bible Study

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A Model to Follow

Genesis 22:1-10

II Thessalonians 3:9 reads, “*We had the right to ask you to help us, but we worked to take care of ourselves so we would be an example for you to follow.*” (NCV) This verse records words Apostle Paul spoke to the believers in Thessalonica on the subject of laziness. The Word of God is full of portraits where men and women have been models and mentors for others. One excellent Old Testament example for many people is Abraham. This lesson is designed to examine an episode in Abraham’s life to show him as a model for believers when it comes to following God’s directions.

Breakdown of Genesis 22:1-19

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| 1. The <u>Request</u> | to Abraham | Verses 1, 2 |
| 2. The <u>Response</u> | by Abraham | Verses 3-10 |
| 3. The <u>Rewards</u> | for Abraham | Verses 11-19 |

1. Abraham is a model to follow God’s directions Sacrificially.
Verse 2
“Take your son, your only son—yes, Isaac, whom you love so much—and go to the land of Moriah. Go and sacrifice him as a burnt offering on one of the mountains, which I will show you.” (NLT)
2. Abraham is a model to follow God’s directions Quickly.
Verse 3
“The next morning Abraham got up early. He saddled his donkey and took two of his servants with him, along with his son, Isaac. Then he chopped wood for a fire for a burnt offering and set out for the place God had told him about.” (NLT)

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3. Abraham is a model to follow God's directions **Expectantly**_____.

Verses 5-8

“Stay here with the donkey,” Abraham told the servants. “The boy and I will travel a little farther. We will worship there, and then we will come right back.” 6) So Abraham placed the wood for the burnt offering on Isaac’s shoulders, while he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them walked on together, 7) Isaac turned to Abraham and said, “Father?” “Yes, my son?” Abraham replied. “We have the fire and the wood,” the boy said, “but where is the sheep for the burnt offering?” 8) “God will provide a sheep for the burnt offering, my son,” Abraham answered. And they both walked on together.” (NLT)

4. Abraham is a model to follow God's directions **Fully**_____.

Verses 9, 10

“When they arrived at the place where God had told him to go, Abraham built an altar and arranged the wood on it. Then he tied his son, Isaac, and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. 10) And Abraham picked up the knife to kill his son as a sacrifice.” (NLT)

5. Abraham is a model to follow God's directions **Attentively**_____.

Verses 11-13

“At that moment the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!” “Yes,” Abraham replied. “Here I am!” 12) “Don’t lay a hand on the boy!” the angel said. “Do not hurt him in any way, for now I know that you truly fear God. You have not withheld from me even your son, your only son.” 13) Then Abraham looked up and saw a ram caught by its horns in a thicket. So he took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering in place of his son.” (NLT)

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