



## DAILY DEVOTIONS

### THE 7 ARROWS OF BIBLE READING



What does this passage say?



What did this passage mean to its original audience?



What does this passage tell us about God?



What does this passage tell us about man?



What does this passage demand of me?



How does this passage change the way I relate to people?



How does this passage prompt me to pray?

## GENESIS 21:1-7

Has someone ever broken a promise to you? It's painful when someone forgets what they told you and fails to follow through. Trust is broken and care is doubted. But God is not fickle like us humans. He is faithful. He "came to Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah what he had promised" (21:1). God always keeps His word. His timing is not always what we want it to be, but He is wise and trustworthy. He will come through.

WHY SHOULD GOD'S FAITHFULNESS MOTIVATE YOUR OBEDIENCE?

WHO MIGHT YOU NEED TO FORGIVE FOR THEIR FAILURE TO KEEP A PROMISE?

HOW CAN YOU BECOME MORE CHRISTLIKE BY FOLLOWING THROUGH ON YOUR WORD?

DAY 02

# ROMANS 4:16-21

WHO DO YOU CALL ON WHEN YOU ARE AT THE END OF YOUR ROPE?

HOW CAN YOUR FAITH GROW THROUGH A DIFFICULT EXPERIENCE?

DO YOU TRULY BELIEVE THAT GOD CAN DO THE IMPOSSIBLE?

I have a brother-in-law who can fix almost anything. It's unbelievable how he is able to come up with a solution when I am at a loss. When I need help with something, I call him. Even when I consider my own ability or how broken the car or appliance is, I don't worry. Why? Because I believe he is able to fix it. The apostle Paul said that Abraham did not weaken in his faith when he considered his own body or Sarah's barrenness. Instead, Abraham grew in his faith because he was confident that God could do what he could not. God is able. Even when you are at the end of your rope, He can and will do everything He has promised to do.

DAY 03

# GENESIS 22:1-3

Sometimes God calls us to do something big, something beyond our imagination or power. God stretches us and tests our faith. Abraham's faith was revealed and refined through his obedience (Jas. 2:22), but it wasn't one giant act of obedience. It was a number of small but significant steps (22:3). God may use you to do something big for Him, but start today by taking small, obedient steps of faith.

HOW HAS YOUR FAITH BEEN TESTED?

WHAT IS SOMETHING YOU LOVE THAT YOU MAY NEED TO GIVE UP FOR GOD?

HOW CAN YOU OBEY GOD IN THE SMALL THINGS TODAY?

DAY 05

## GENESIS 22:15-19

From the divine command (22:1), to the divine intervention (22:12), to the divine reward (22:16) the emphasis was on Abraham's "only son." But notice the major shift in verse 17—1 will indeed bless you and make your offspring as numerous as the stars of the sky and the sand on the seashore (22:17). When we take the little we have and put it in God's hands, He can multiply it beyond our expectations. God will call you to give and to sacrifice throughout your life, but you cannot outgive God. He gave His only Son for you, and He will bless you exponentially more than you could ever give to Him (Matt. 10:29).

WHAT ARE SOME THINGS YOU NEED TO STOP WITHHOLDING FROM GOD?

WHAT KEEPS YOU FROM GIVING EVERYTHING TO GOD?

HOW COULD THE GIFT OF JESUS MOTIVATE YOU TO GIVE YOURSELF TO GOD ENTIRELY?

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## GENESIS 22:4-14

WHAT ARE SOME REASONS YOU DELAY OBEYING GOD?

HOW CAN YOU OBEY GOD EVEN WHEN YOU ARE UNCERTAIN ABOUT THE FUTURE?

WHAT WOULD YOU DO FOR GOD IF YOU KNEW HE WOULD PROVIDE WHAT YOU NEEDED?

Abraham didn't wait to see how God would provide before he obeyed. It was only as he obeyed that God's provision was revealed. Sometimes we don't want to follow God until we have all of the details figured out. We wait to take the first step until we understand the final step. But when God says go, we don't need all the answers up front. He will provide as we obey. Abraham didn't know how or when, but he knew "God himself will provide" (22:8). We can know that too. Obey God, and He will provide.