

## Come Again?

### **Faith is irrational.**

Hebrews 11:11

*<sup>11</sup> By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised.*

Genesis 22:1-2

*Some time later, God tested Abraham's faith. "Abraham!" God called. "Yes," he replied. "Here I am." <sup>2</sup> "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."*

### **What is God asking you to sacrifice today?**

Genesis 22:3-5

*<sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> On the third day of their journey, Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. <sup>5</sup> "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."*

2 Timothy 2:4

*Soldiers don't get tied up in the affairs of civilian life, for then they cannot please the officer who enlisted them.*

### **We are called to do much more than be consumed by our civilian life**

### **How are you fostering a "yes God" attitude?**

Genesis 22:6-8

*<sup>6</sup> 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, <sup>7</sup> 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?" <sup>8</sup> "God will provide a sheep for the burnt offering, my son," Abraham answered. And they both walked on together.*

Genesis 22:9-10

*<sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> And Abraham picked up the knife to kill his son as a sacrifice.*

Matthew 26 (no slide)

### **God provided a sacrifice**

Genesis 22:11-13

*<sup>11</sup> But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>12</sup> He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." <sup>13</sup> And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.*

### **Jesus is the Lamb of God**

2 Corinthians 5:21

*<sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

Hebrews 11:17-19

*17 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, 18 of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." 19 He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.*