

PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE

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Text(s): Genesis 22:1—19

Sermon Title: Giving To The Giver

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(The sermon recording is available in the PMC website and MyPMC App)

READ (5 mins)

Genesis 22:1–19 (NKJV)

1 Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."

2 Then He said, "Take now your son, your only *son* Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."

3 So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.

4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off.

5 And Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you."

6 So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid *it* on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together.

7 But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where *is* the lamb for a burnt offering?"

8 And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." So the two of them went together.

9 Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood.

10 And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

11 But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" So he said, "Here I am."

12 And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only *son*, from Me."

13 Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind *him* was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son.

14 And Abraham called the name of the place, The-LORD-Will-Provide; as it is said *to* this day, "In the Mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

15 Then the Angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time out of heaven,

16 and said: "By Myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only *son*—

17 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; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies.

18 In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.”

19 So Abraham returned to his young men, and they rose and went together to Beersheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beersheba.

RELATE (30 mins)

(Relate to what was shared and on key themes in the sermon)

- 1. God called Abraham to leave his home and country to another country. He obeyed instantly. Compared to us Christians in Singapore today, what were the things that Abraham did not have or did not know? List down as many differences you can think of. Then discuss why you think Abraham obeyed God instantly and if that was an easy thing to do.**
- 2. Abraham met Melchizedek and gave him a tenth of all he had because Melchizedek was the priest of the Lord God. What led Abraham to give a tenth of all he had to a man he was meeting for the very first time? What can you say about Abraham based on what you know about him?**

REFLECT (30 mins)

(Reflect and apply God’s word to our daily lives)

- 1. Abraham proved his faith by him leaving his home and by giving to Melchizedek. His faith was tested once again when God asked him to sacrifice Isaac. What can we learn from Abraham in this biblical account of him binding and laying his son down to be sacrificed? What can we learn about our God in this account?**
- 2. In following Jesus as His disciples, we do not know the whole plan for our lives and also for our church. Should this stop us from following Christ? Should we devise our own plans instead, which will give us more control? What are some things that can help us follow Christ?**

REST (15 mins)

(Take time to share and pray for one another)

(Pray for our church, our nation, and our world. See MyPMC > PRAY for monthly guide)

- Pray for one another to be close to our God as Abraham was close to God, so that we might also walk with and relate to God as His friends.
- Pray for our life groups and our church that we would be aligned to God's agenda and to fulfill His goals for us.
- Pray for the MCS to continue to be strong and stable, able to meet needs in Singapore, and stand out as a true witness of Christ Jesus.