

GOD'S NOT DONE...SO, WE'RE NOT DONE.
ISAIAH 54:2-3

Beyond.



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USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to discuss the weekend message.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together. Give priority to the needs and pace of your group members.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

Father, what do you want to do through me in this Beyond campaign?

[Romans 4:16b, NLT]

"For Abraham is the father of all who believe."

[Galatians 3:29, NLT]

And now that you belong to Christ, you are the true children of Abraham. You are his heirs, and God's promise to Abraham belongs to you.

[Genesis 12:1-3, NLT]

¹ The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you. ² I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. ³ I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you." So Abram departed as the LORD had instructed.

[Mark 10:21-22, NLT]

²¹ Looking at the man, Jesus felt genuine love for him. "There is still one thing you haven't done," he told him. "Go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." ²² At this the man's face fell, and he went away very sad, because he had great wealth.

[Matthew 6:21, AMP]

For where your treasure is (wealth, valuables collected and laid up), there your heart (your desires; that on which your life centers) will be also.

[Genesis 22:1-4, NLT]

¹ Some time later, God tested Abraham's faith. "Abraham!" God called. "Yes," he replied. "Here I am." 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." 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.

How does a Surrendered Heart Respond?

1. A surrendered heart trusts the God of the promise beyond the moment of sacrifice

[Genesis 22:4-5, NLT]

⁴ On the third day of their journey, Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. ⁵ "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 back to you."

[Hebrews 11:19, NLT]

Abraham reasoned that if Isaac died, God was able to bring him back to life again. And in a sense, Abraham did receive his son back from the dead.

[Genesis 22:6-8, NIV]

⁶ Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. ⁷ As the two of them went on together, Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?" "Yes, my son?" Abraham replied. "The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" ⁸ Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together.

How does a Surrendered Heart Respond?

2. A surrendered heart holds nothing back

[Genesis 22:9-14, NIV]

⁹ When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. ¹² "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son." ¹³ Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided."

How does a Surrendered Heart Respond?

3. A Surrendered heart lives to see the promises of God on the other side of surrender

[Genesis 22:15-18, NLT]

¹⁵ Then the angel of the LORD called again to Abraham from heaven. ¹⁶ "This is what the LORD says: Because you have obeyed me and have not withheld even your son, your only son, I swear by my own name that ¹⁷ I will certainly bless you. I will multiply your descendants beyond number, like the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will conquer the cities of their enemies. ¹⁸ And through your descendants all the nations of the earth will be blessed—all because you have obeyed me."

Key Points:

1. A surrendered heart trusts the God of the promise beyond the moment of sacrifice
2. A surrendered heart holds nothing back
3. A Surrendered heart lives to see the promises of God on the other side of surrender

Applications for the Week:

Take time this week to pray and ask God, "What do you want to do through me?" This is the first step to embracing a surrendered heart. Be expectant for God to reveal and show you what He wants to do through you.

Discussion Questions:

1. Have you ever participated in the "trust fall" challenge? How important were trust and surrender involved?
2. What do you think God wants to do through you in the Beyond Campaign?
3. What is on the other side of a surrendered heart? Has God given you a glimmer or picture of what that might look like?
4. How can we remind ourselves that our life is not our own? What is your life centered around?
5. Considering your life, what are some things you might need to leave behind in order to follow Jesus fully?
6. Based on Genesis 22:1-14, how does this reading speak to you about the heart of Abraham? How's your trust level? How do you overcome fear and insecurities?
7. What possible mountains are between you and the other side of God's provision?
8. When have you or your family trusted the God of the promise more than the circumstances you were facing?
9. How do we understand that God is a provider? Briefly share how have you experienced God's provision in your life.