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A LIFE SET APART FOR A PURPOSE

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I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Romans 12:1

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**What happens when God calls you to
surrender something precious—a dream,
a relationship, a plan for the future?**

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**What if God leads you into uncertainty,
asking you to take a step of obedience
when you don't understand where it will
lead?**

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How do you trust God when His commands seem illogical or painful, and you're left wondering, "Why would God ask me to do this?"

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Abraham – the father of faith, who was called to trust God beyond his understanding, to lay everything on the altar even when it didn't make sense.

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Isaac – the son, who willingly surrendered to the will of the father, foreshadowing Jesus' own obedience to the cross.

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The Ram – caught in the thicket, unaware that it had been positioned for a greater purpose, reminding us that God often places us exactly where we need to be, even when we don't see it.

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¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” ²He said, “Take 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

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which I shall tell you.” ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴On the

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third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” ⁶And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid

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it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt

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offering?”⁸ Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.⁹ When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac

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his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” ¹²He said, “Do not

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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.”¹³ And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his

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horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called the name of that place, “The Lord will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.

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Point 1:

**The Journey of Faith – Abraham's
Perspective**

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Then God said, ‘Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.’

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He had every reason to question. Every reason to doubt. But he chose obedience over clarity.

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Personal Application:
What if God is calling you to lay
something down that you care deeply
about?

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Personal Application:

**Are you willing to trust that He is working
out something greater?**

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Personal Application:

Consecration means choosing God's will even when we don't have all the answers.

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Point 2:

The Willing Sacrifice – Isaac's Perspective

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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?'

Genesis 22:7

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**He carried the wood for his own sacrifice.
He trusted his father even when the plan
seemed unclear and potentially costly. He
laid himself down, expressing surrender.**

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Personal Application:

**Are you willing to trust the Father's plan,
even when you don't understand it?**

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Personal Application:

True consecration is not just about external obedience but internal surrender.

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Personal Application:

Like Isaac, we are called to offer ourselves fully to God, trusting in His goodness.

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Point 3:

The Ram's Perspective – Unseen Preparation

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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.

Genesis 22:13

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The ram's life was seemingly ordinary, It was caught, trapped in the thicket, feeling stuck, restricted, and possibly afraid. Yet, this was God's provision in action.

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Personal Application:

How often do we feel stuck in situations we don't understand?

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Personal Application:

**What if our apparent obstacles are actually
God's divine positioning?**

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Conclusion – The Cross & Our Call to Consecration.

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Romans 12:1 reminds us that our lives should be a living sacrifice—not just a one-time offering, but an ongoing dedication.

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Call to Response:

What is God calling you to lay down in worship. Will you be obedient?

Are you fully surrendered like Isaac?

Will you trust God's divine positioning, even when you feel trapped?

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