

Message Notes

"Risk and Reward: Trusting God!"

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Introduction – "Are you living a 'comfortable' life?"

MY B.Q. regarding today's message:

Looking at a Risky Man in the Old Testament Genesis 22

1. The opportunity for good risk
(Genesis 22:1-2)
2. The Response of a faithful risk-taker
(Genesis 22:3)
3. The pain of risk-taking
(Genesis 22:4)
4. Looking to reward in the beginning of risk
(Genesis 22:5-6a)
5. One of the most profound statements in the midst of HUGE RISK!
(Genesis 22:6b-8)
6. God is NEVER late, but seldom early!!
(Genesis 22:9-14)

REWARDS:

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Application – "Will you follow the God who calls you to risk?"

Genesis 22:1-19

¹Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. ²Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about." ³Early the next morning Abraham got up and saddled his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. ⁴On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. ⁵He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you." ⁶Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. 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?" ⁷Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together. ⁸When 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. ⁹Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. ¹⁰But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. ¹¹"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." ¹²Abraham 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. ¹³So 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."

¹⁴The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time ¹⁵and said, "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁶I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, ¹⁷and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me." ¹⁸Then Abraham returned to his servants, and they set off together for Beersheba. And Abraham stayed in Beersheba.

2 Chronicles 3:1

¹Then Solomon began to build the temple of the LORD in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah...

Hebrews 11:17-19

(please grab a pew Bible to look this reference up)

John 3:14-16, 12:12-13, 19:16-18

¹⁴Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life..."

¹²The next day the great crowd that had come for the Feast heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. ¹³They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the King of Israel!" ...

¹⁶Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified. So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. ¹⁷Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). ¹⁸Here they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle.