

JUST DO IT: Faith in Action

“Heritage Church: PLEDGE WEEKEND”

Q: HOW MUCH IS ENOUGH WHEN GIVING TO GOD?

God doesn't want much. Just for us...

- To give financially to the church and to those in need around us.

God doesn't want much. Just for us...

- To make Him the final authority for every decision.

God doesn't want much. Just for us...

- To give our time and energy volunteering and serving.

God doesn't want much. Just for us...

- To spend time getting connected relationally with one another.

God doesn't want much. Just for us...

- To make Him the highest object of our worship and praise.

²¹ Was not our ancestor Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar?

²² You see that his **faith and his actions were working together**, and his faith was made complete by what he did.

James 2:21-22 (NIV)

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."

Genesis 22:1-2 (NLT)

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. 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 right back.**” **Genesis 22:3-5 (NLT)**

⁶ 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, ⁷ 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?” ⁸ **“God will provide a sheep for the burnt offering, my son,”** Abraham answered. And they both walked on together.
Genesis 22:6-8 (NLT)

⁹ 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. ¹⁰ And Abraham **picked up the knife to kill his son as a sacrifice.** ¹¹ At that moment the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!” “Yes,” Abraham replied. “Here I am!” ¹² “Don’t lay a hand on the boy!” the angel said. “Do not hurt him in any way, for now I know that you truly fear God. You have not withheld from me even your son, your only son.” ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ Abraham named the place Yahweh-Yireh (which means “the Lord will provide”). To this day, people still use that name as a proverb: “On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided.” **Genesis 22:9-14 (NLT)**

Q: HOW MUCH IS ENOUGH WHEN GIVING TO GOD?

A: When you have given Him everything.

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.***

Genesis 22:15-18 (NLT)

#1. You and I have no idea what's at stake when God asks us to give with open hands.

#2. God gives us everything and then He asks us to hold on loosely.

#3. True faith is played out when we give our lives away.