



“Preparing The Son”

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Genesis 21: 8

Fathers Day & Mothers Day: It has been a holiday for as long as I can remember. What ever happened to Children Day?

- Have you ever seen a Proud Pop?
- There came a day when Isaac was weaned from his Mothers breast.
- Abram threw a great feast.
- I’ve heard of birthday parties, bar mitzvahs, graduation, first communions and children getting baptized.
- But this is the first time I have ever heard of throwing a party because a baby had been weaned from his Mother.
- Abram was one of those Proud Pops!
- Why shouldn’t he be proud? Isaac was a fulfillment of a promise.
- The Lord said: As the stars in heaven are, so shall thy seed be.
- Your offspring shall be as the sand of the seashore.
- What a promise!
- Tell the story of Abram getting up with Isaac at nighttime.
- While Abram was rocking that child to sleep at night he would tell Isaac of all the things they were going to do together when he grew up a little bit.
- Now Isaac is weaned from his Mother and there is an entire new world ahead of them. He can take Isaac anywhere he wants to.
- Isaac comes home and tells Sarah:
 - You should have seen me riding that donkey today.
 - I climbed all the way to the top of the rock pile all by myself.
- Sarah would wait for Isaac to leave the room and she would tear into Abram.
- One day Abram called Isaac aside and told him it was time for him to have his first knife.
- Then he told Isaac, “This will be our little secret.”
- How could life get any better?
- One thing I have learned from experience! Nothing Ever Stays The Same!!
- The sooner you learn that, the less pain there will be in your life.
- The day came when God came to Abram and said TAKE NOW THY SON, THY ONLY SON, ISAAC, WHOM THOU LOVEST.
- It’s easy to give up something you don’t love. Easy to give up:

Fasting

- Holly’s Dog Tater
- NO PROBLEMO!
- But now Abe has to give up the most treasured thing in his life.
- Sarah realizes something is wrong. Tell me Abe, Something is going on.
 - What’s this Isaac is telling me?
 - What do you mean you’re taking him on a trip?
 - You’re leaving in the morning and taking Isaac?
 - Tell me what’s wrong; you’ve got that look in your eye.
- Sarah goes and pulls one of the hired hands aside.

- You've been with us for years.
- Do you know what is going on?
- Watch out for them; don't let anything happen to them.
- On the way to Mt. Moriah:
 - Dad when we get back we need to replace the corral behind the barn.
 - Dad I was in town the other day and I found the prettiest dress for Mom.
- They get to the mountain, Dad, where is the sacrifice?
- The Lord will provide! In essence Abe said "Don't worry Son, everything will be alright."
- I know how it was when my Dad said "Don't worry!" I didn't worry anymore.
- Isaac is approximately 33 years old which means Abram is around 133.
- Isaac didn't understand but he had confidence in his Pop.
- God provides a sacrifice in Isaac's stead.
- No doubt the full story is revealed to Isaac of the events of that day.
- Isaac looks at his Dad differently than he ever has before.
- Abram had proved his faithfulness to God right in front of his Son.
- Abram's actions said: "Son, the day may come you are in the same shoes as I was."
- You remember what your ole Dad did, and you do the same.
- Fathers you have a responsibility to teach your children how to:
 - Fish
 - Hunt
 - Golf
 - Wood Work
 - Carpentry

How to be:

- Honest
- Dependable
- A hard worker
 - But more than anything you need to prepare your children for the day the Plan of God comes to their life. Preach this concept!
 - Fathers the greatest thing you will ever do is, Love their Mother.