

AUGUST 2017: AVELEIGH'S WORSHIP EMPHASIS MONTH

Your Year of Worship

Sermon: WHEN LIFE DOESN'T MAKE SENSE, WOSHIP

Text Genesis 22:1-18

WORSHIP IS...

ASKING

BELIEVING

CONFESSING

DEPENDING

EXPRESSING

FINDING

GRIEVING

HONORING

INVOKING

JOINING

KEEPING ON

LISTENING

MARVELING

NEGLECTING

OBEYING

PRIORITIZING

QUIETING

REJOICING

Today's verses for your pre worship preparation.

"Take your son, your only son—yes, Isaac, whom you love so much—and go to the land of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains, which I will point out to you." Genesis 22:2 (NLT)

"He 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.'" Genesis 22:5 (NIV)

INTRO: WHEN LIFE DOESN'T MAKE SENSE.....

1. QUIET YOURSELF & LISTEN

"Be quiet and know that I am God ..." Psalm 46:10 (NCV)

"But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all truth." John 16:13 (NIV)

"Some years later God decided to test Abraham, so He spoke to him. Abraham answered, "Here I am, Lord." Genesis 22:1 (CEV)

2. NEGLECT WHAT'S NATURAL, OBEY WHAT'S BIBLICAL AND PRIORITIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF GOD.

"On the third day of the journey, Abraham saw the place in the distance." Genesis 22:4 (NLT)

"He who does not love Me will not obey My teaching. These words you hear are not My own; they belong to the Father who sent Me." John 14:24 (NIV)

"This is what the Lord says: Because you have obeyed Me and have not withheld even your beloved son, I swear by My own self that I will bless you richly." Genesis 22:16-17(NLT)

3. MARVEL & REJOICE

"Since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, let us be thankful and please God by worshipping Him with holy fear and awe." Hebrews 12:28 (NLT)

"At that moment the angel of the Lord shouted to him from heaven... 'Lay down the knife. Do not hurt the boy in any way, for now I know that you truly fear God. You have not withheld even your beloved son from Me.'" Genesis 22:1-18 (NLT)

PRAYER, *"Therefore, I urge you...in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship." AMEN.*
Romans 12:1 (NIV)

FOUR FOR THE ROAD

1. Worship is...
2. Currently, my "Isaac" is...
3. What I need to lay at the altar is...
4. My next act of worship will be....

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Mitch,s musical suggestions: *Guide Me O Great Jehovah, Lord Reign In Me, I Could Sing Of Your Love Forever*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The people of God are a people of sounds and songs.

People: The people of God are a people of rhythms and dance.

Leader: We are a people of praise and joyfulness and hope.

People: We are a people of color and melody and diversity.

Leader: We are a people of hope and confidence and courage.

All: As the people of God, we have gathered in this time of worship to celebrate all of God's gifts and to praise God's mercy and grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, sometimes your expectations are too difficult for us to accept. It's hard for us to give up control. It's hard for us to take the first step if we don't have the answers to all our questions. It's hard for us to risk all when so much of our lives is filled with uncertainty. Forgive us when we do not yield to you as Lord. Grant us courage to follow your leading with confidence in your promise to provide a way through even the most difficult situations.