

# Easter



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## The Power of Giving Abundant Life

Proverbs 11:25 (NIV®)

<sup>25</sup> A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.

### I. Gifts Given & Received

#### A. An Invitation & A Promise

Hebrews 11:8-10 (NIV®)

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

#### B. A Promise Fulfilled

Hebrews 11:11-12 (NIV®)

<sup>11</sup> By faith Abraham, even though he was past age--and Sarah herself was barren--was enabled to become a father because he considered him faithful who had made the promise. <sup>12</sup> And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

#### C. Abraham's Response

Genesis 22:9-18 (NIV®)

<sup>9</sup> When 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. <sup>10</sup> Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. <sup>11</sup> But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. <sup>12</sup> "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." <sup>13</sup> Abraham 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. <sup>14</sup> So 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." <sup>15</sup> The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time <sup>16</sup> and said, "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that **because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son,** <sup>17</sup> I 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, <sup>18</sup> and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."

#### D. An Enduring Relationship

Hebrews 11:17-19 (NIV®)

<sup>17</sup> By faith Abraham, when God tested him, **offered Isaac as a sacrifice.** He who had received the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, <sup>18</sup> even though God had said to him, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." <sup>19</sup> **Abraham reasoned that God could raise the dead,** and figuratively speaking, he did receive Isaac back from death.

## II. Our Story

### A. Gifts Given

Romans 8:31-32 (NIV®)

<sup>31</sup> What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son, but **gave him up for us all**--how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

### B. Invitations Extended

John 1:12-13 (NIV®)

<sup>12</sup> Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave **the right to become children of God**--  
<sup>13</sup> children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

### C. My Life

Romans 12:1 (NIV®)

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, I urge you, brothers, 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.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NASB®)

<sup>19</sup> Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? <sup>20</sup> For you have been bought with a price: therefore **glorify God in your body**.

John 12:24-25 (NIV®)

<sup>24</sup> I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. <sup>25</sup> The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

John 8:24 (NIV®)

<sup>24</sup> "I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not believe that I am [the one I claim to be], you will indeed die in your sins."

Revelation 12:11 (NIV®)

<sup>11</sup> They (the Believers on earth) overcame him (Satan) by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; **they did not love their lives so much** as to shrink from death.

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for Your invitation to me. Today I respond with all my heart. Jesus, be Lord of my life. I believe You are God's son, sent from heaven, endured the cross and raised to life again---all for my benefit. I give You my life. I want to live for Your honor. Holy Spirit, help me to walk in ways that are pleasing to my Lord. In Jesus' name, amen.

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