

# HOMECCELL NOTES

## WORSHIP GOD WITH EXPECTATION

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### WELCOME

Welcome all members who are joining the Homecell online.

### WORSHIP

Challenge cell members to spend a few minutes in Worship before your ZOOM/Online Homecell starts. This will create the right atmosphere for your time together.

### WORD

#### **Genesis 22:1-5 MSG**

*After all this, God tested Abraham. God said, "Abraham!" "Yes?" answered Abraham. "I'm listening." [2] He said, "Take your dear son Isaac whom you love and go to the land of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I'll point out to you." [3-5] Abraham got up early in the morning and saddled his donkey. He took two of his young servants and his son Isaac. He had split wood for the burnt offering. He set out for the place God had directed him. On the third day he looked up and saw the place in the distance. Abraham told his two young servants, "Stay here with the donkey. The boy and I are going over there to worship; then we'll come back to you."*

**Q: If Abraham was going over there to worship and then sacrifice Isaac, why did he tell the servants we will come back to you, and not I will come back to you?**

Abraham worshipped with expectation! Abraham was expectant that God would make a way where there seemed to be no way.

Worship is a sacrifice, but when we worship, we must worship with expectation. The expectation that God will receive my sacrifice of worship but also that my sacrifice of worship will be returned to me.

Isaac was not Abraham's harvest; Isaac was Abraham's seed. Worship is not our harvest; worship is our seed. Our worship, when sown, will be returned to us in a harvest.

**Ask a few cell members to read Hebrews 11:6; Ephesians 3:20; Galatians 6:7 and Isaiah 55:11**

We have two choices when we worship.

We can either worship with expectation of a return or we can worship with no expectation at all.

**Ask a few cell members to read Matthew 19:27; Mark 10:29-30**

**Q: What do these verses tell us about sacrifice for God and His kingdom?**

There is no sacrifice for God that goes unnoticed.

**Ask a cell member to read Hebrews 6:10, 13-15**

Our worship is continuous – it will be tested, not rested. The enemy will do everything possible to steal your worship for God and give it to the world.

**Q: What worship has the enemy stolen from you or have you allowed him to steal from you?**

**You need to be determined to stay a worshipper!**

**Abraham had three determinations when it came to worship (Genesis 22:5)**

**1. He was determined “to go”**

**Genesis 22:5 MSG**

*Abraham told his two young servants, “Stay here with the donkey. The boy and I are going...*

*Lockdown may have lulled you into an “I’ll stay” comfort zone.*

**Q: What do you think the donkey represents?**

The donkey carried Abraham’s possessions. The donkey represents the things that store our earthly possessions. Houses, businesses etc at times need to “stay here” while I “go to worship”. We may need to leave some people and possessions behind.

**2. He was determined “to worship”**

**Genesis 22:5 MSG**

*Abraham told his two young servants, “Stay here with the donkey. The boy and I are going .... over there to worship.*

Worship represents your sacrifice

**Ask a few cell members to read John 12:3 and Daniel 6:10**

**3. He was determined “to return”**

**Genesis 22:5 MSG**

*Abraham told his two young servants, “Stay here with the donkey. The boy and I are going over there to worship; then we’ll come back to you.*

**Ask a few cell members to read Daniel 6:26-28; John 12:24; Luke 6:38**

**Are you ready to worship Jesus with expectation? Today say, “I’m determined... to go... to worship... to return!**

**WORKS**

As a Homecell, identify the most pressing needs (among people in your immediate world) that should be addressed a.s.a.p. (include the following: food needs, people who are staying alone, marriage challenges, financial needs, business/career needs, emotional needs etc.) As a Homecell, how can you assist in meeting some of these needs?

