

Day 13: July 17th Friday

Bible Text: Genesis 22:9-14

Reflection:

Genesis 22 is one of the greatest tests and demonstrations of faith in the Bible. Abraham obeyed God even when he could not understand what God was doing. At the most critical moment, God intervened and provided the sacrificial ram instead of Isaac. Abraham named that place, "The LORD Will Provide" (Jehovah Jireh), because he experienced firsthand that God's provision always comes at the right time and in the right way. This incident also points ultimately to the Gospel- God the Father providing us His only Son Jesus as the Lamb of God to take away our sins.

As we look back over our own lives, we can each identify moments when God provided what we needed—sometimes in ways we never expected. Likewise, as CBCM celebrates God's faithfulness over the past fifty years, we recognize that every ministry, every leader, every missionary sent, every life transformed, and every challenge overcome has been possible because the Lord has faithfully provided. The God who has provided in the past will continue to provide as we trust Him and move forward in His mission.

1. Looking back, when has God asked you to trust Him in a difficult situation, and how did you experience His faithful provision?
2. As CBCM looks toward the future, where is God calling us to step forward in faith, trusting that "the LORD will provide" everything needed to accomplish His mission?

Closing Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank You for being Jehovah Jireh—the Lord who provides. Just as You faithfully provided for Abraham at the perfect moment, You have faithfully provided for me time and time again. Forgive me for the times I have doubted Your care or relied on my own understanding. Help me to trust You even when I cannot see what lies ahead, believing that You are already at work. We also thank You for Your faithful provision throughout the history of CBCM. Every person You have brought, every need You have supplied, every door You have opened, and every life You have transformed is a testimony to Your goodness. As we look toward the future, give us the faith to obey wherever You lead. May we never be limited by fear or scarcity but move forward with confidence that You will provide everything necessary to fulfill Your purposes. May our church always be known not for what we have accomplished, but for what You have done through Your faithful provision. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Recommended Song of Reflection: My God is All I Need

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