

FASCINATING STORIES OF FORGOTTEN LIVES
REDISCOVERING SOME OLD TESTAMENT CHARACTERS
ABRAHAM: THE FATHER WHO RELEASED HIS SON
GENESIS 22:1-14



The Heart of the Matter

Letting go is always difficult. And the closer we are to the thing (or the person) being released, the more difficult it is to let go. We must hold everything loosely. Some of the most poignant examples of letting go come in the context of parent-child relationships. Upon receiving God's command to offer his son as a sacrifice, Abraham let Isaac go and obeyed without resistance, illustrating his allegiance to God above all. When God sought to redeem humanity, He let go, allowing His Son to die at the hands of unworthy men. When we are faced with letting go, we must not only remember Abraham's story as inspiration but also remember that God would never ask more of us than He was willing to give Himself.



Discovering the Way

1. Releasing Valuable Things

There are four general categories of things that we must hold loosely: possessions, occupations, dreams, and relationships.

2. When a Father Released His Son (Genesis 22:1-14; Hebrews 11:17-19)

God gave a command to be obeyed. Abraham responded with swift and complete obedience.



Starting Your Journey

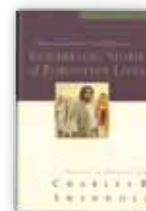
Remember these three analogies. God the Father showed us how to *give* when He released His dear Son to us at Bethlehem. God the Son showed us how to *die* when He released Himself to the Father on Calvary. God the Spirit will show us how to *live* when we release whatever has us in its grip.



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