

## The Life You've Always Wanted

### Part 6-Developing a Well-Ordered Heart

#### Genesis 22:1-14

How can we discover the life we have always wanted?

This life is found in a **DEEPER WALK** with God.

**Key point from week 1: we have to TRAIN spiritually to develop the life we have always wanted.**

*Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. 1 Timothy 4:7-8 NIV*

**Key Point from week 2: We need to SLOW DOWN to hear God's voice in our lives.**

*He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; Psalm 46:10 NIV*

**Key point from week 3: Confession brings TRANSFORMATION**

*Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death. 2 Corinthians 7:10 NIV*

**Key point from week 4: We need to DRAW NEAR to God in Meditation and Prayer to receive GUIDANCE and LEADERSHIP for our lives.**

*I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;  
I will counsel you with my loving eye on you. Psalm 32:8 NIV*

**Key point from week 5: PRIDE and the ADDICTION to APPROVAL can be significant obstacles to discovering the life you have always wanted.**

*In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:*

*Who, being in very nature God,  
did not consider equality with God something to be used to His own advantage;  
rather, He made himself nothing  
by taking the very nature of a servant,  
being made in human likeness. Philippians 2:5-7 NIV*

**Key Point: It's more important to have a WELL-ORDERED heart than a BALANCED LIFE.**

*Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. Proverbs 4:23 NIV*

**Living life in the “Name of Jesus”...**

*And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. Colossians 3:17 NIV*

**Enduring in the Midst of Suffering...**

**1. Enduring in CONFUSION.**

*Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.” Genesis 22:2 NIV*

**2. Enduring in DOUBT.**

*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*

**3. Enduring in LONELINESS.**

*Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, “Father?”*

*“Yes, my son?” Abraham replied.*

*“The fire and wood are here,” Isaac said, “but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?”*

*Genesis 22:6-7 NIV*

**4. Enduring UNANSWERED PRAYER.**

*Abraham answered, “God Himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them went on together. Genesis 22:8 NIV*

**5. Enduring when ALL SEEMS LOST.**

*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. Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. Genesis 22:9-10 NIV*

### **Hearing God's call in the midst of suffering...**

*But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!"*

*"Here I am," he replied.*

*"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."*

*Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram<sup>[a]</sup> caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. 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." Genesis 22:11-14*

**Are you able to say "Holy is the Lord?"**