



Speak to the House with Reading: Genesis 22:6-14

We're in role reversal today I'm going to speak on Mother's Day and Louise is going to speak on Father's Day. Only to strengthen God's idea of working together in the body of Christ. Model

1. Mothers – If it's not one thing it's your mother Thank you for sacrifice & love to us all
2. Women – you are loved and welcomed and honoured at Renewal
3. Maternal love is the deepest right? Nothing in life, seems as strong as a mothers love. God compares himself to this that nothing in life can make God forget us. Even if it is possible for a mother to forget her child – I will never forget you!

Together: Ava's name we chose it for meaning. Prophetic Promise on our family unit. My advice is to name your child with a vowel at the end – it carries the yell Brian / Ava

> We share building home together – dishwasher // dusting

> Illustration – don't wear your headphones on whilst vacuuming the house. I did half the house before I realised it wasn't plugged in properly. Great time of worship though.

Opening

Jireh, More than enough: The God who provides. You have may have heard this phrase: When God gives the vision, He gives the provision; I prefer; When God guides, He provides. The emphasis is more in following and in obeying not demanding from God.

Introduction

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I don't see these as patriarchal, matriarchal characteristics, or responsibilities, but as God characteristics. We want you to see how God intends for this to be displayed through our relationships IN THE BODY. Serving together wherever possible.

The Bible gives us progressive revelation on who God is. If we know more of God, we become more effective as Christians, and subsequently as the church. God wants us to know more of who He is in nature and disposition. He makes himself known in many ways. 950 descriptions of God. Yahweh Jireh is one such way.

To provide

1. Pro = for something, it is prepared in advance for the future, a verb is a doing word.

2. Genesis 22 is among the best known parts of the Bible. Abraham has had his ups and downs, but Scripture will say he had faith and trusted in God's promise, and no matter the detours, or the errors, all that God promised came to fruition.

8 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 (ON HIS SHOULDERS)

3. The term provide is strongly connected "to see or look " in an English phrase. I will see to it "I'll look into that" "I'll see if it that can be done." When you are provided for you are furnished and supplied with all you need. Can you see what God is doing?

4. We all have a part of us that wants to analyse our circumstances and dissect the problems, especially when things begin to go wrong. Yet if we are not careful we over analyse the issue and under value the resolution. If I was to listen in on your conversations, would I hear how hard it is, more about your struggle, more about your problem, then about whether God could provide.

5. You have missed the point, if you think the primary objective is about faith. The real disclosure is about how God will provide.

The Lord who provides Yahweh Jireh

6. Ab does not know at this moment what God will do. he/we can only do one thing: trust God to be the one who provides. What he provides may look different to what we had in mind. Abraham will reason that God could bring Isaac back to life.

14 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 22:14 NLT

7. Only God in the end will that makes the difference. God's provision is what is needed, but you will have to trust that what you think you need and what God thinks you need may be different things. Otherwise if God does all the giving, you'll be spoilt and you will just do all the taking. Imagine if you treat your Mum that way — never acknowledge — no gratitude, never say thanks — never give back — never show love.

Is God your Yahweh Jireh? Will you trust God to work out all the details?

The Provider (he provides Himself)

7. To really know God, He will teach you not to trust into n what he provides, but in himself as the provider. Through this account, we see how serious faith is, that God commands the sacrifice of a firstborn son. The pagan nations practised this, because you had to sacrifice what was most precious in order to receive a gods favour, or blessing. So imagine how difficult this was to give up a child.

8. You can't also miss the location of Isaac's sacrifice, at Mount Moriah. Abraham confesses that God is the provider of the substitutionary sacrifice he and we need. This location is largely thought to be the exact same place the temple of Jerusalem was built upon and it is once again at a Mount a beloved Son would be given up.

9. The difference is that God never intended for Abraham to take Isaac's life. It was a faith test, but God will give up his only son Jesus. What you are getting modelled here is the death and resurrection of Jesus. He is the One. The Lord is the PROVIDER.

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 NLT

10. God will provide himself. Will. God gave up his own son for us all. This action is provision for the salvation of the whole world. Lamb of God takes away the sin.

The provision is in the promises

26 So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, 27 for all of you who were baptised into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. Galatians 3:26-29 NLT

1. We are ONE IN CHRIST Galatians 3:28. All is All.

2. 3:26 "Sons" not "Children" (too general) at the time daughters could not inherit property and had no legal status as a legal heir! The gospel tells you 'male' and 'female' you are a "Son" in the context that you are the legal heir of everything in Christ

Another example, so it is not all one way is that we are all called the bride of Christ whether male or female Revelation 21:2 — God is even handed with his examples

3. This goes beyond race, gender or background, that our identity is as a Christian first.

4. v26 reveals to us the wonderful intimacy that exists between Christians with God their Father (you are ADOPTED, Family) v27 outlines the wonderful closeness you can have with your Saviour CLOTHED IN CHRIST Closeness — clothes are as close as you can get and they go everywhere with you (or should) I couldn't imagine esp. with the weather leaving my house without my clothes. Take Jesus with you everywhere you go!

5. v28 flowing out of the first two truths shows the unity that should be had between Christians. WE are one in Christ not that there is no distinction between people but there is no division. The distinctions is what divides people in the world. In the body ...

6. Cultural divisions have no part on the church of Jesus. People of one culture do not need to be like another in order to be accepted by God. In a world that treats groups lesser than others, the church must refuse to declare superiority. Inside we associate with and love one another across racial barriers. Hand in Hand.

7. Class barriers and economic strata's should not restrict how people in the church associate with one another. No one should be made to feel inferior in any way. No one should be resented for what they have. Community will help us live it out. So we can serve one another.

8. The Gender barrier was definitely the strongest in the NT time. Women were considered absolute inferior and this alone as a statement two thousand years ago was revolutionary and very intentional. Women are equal in Christ before God and are to be seen as equally gifted, called, anointed and able. Break any worldly stereotypes.

As a man, seeing the empowerment and the equality of women does not make me any less masculine, nor does it make me unbiblical, (as if I'm following some kind of world trend not gone all Gary Lineker), I should be taking my masculinity from the example of Jesus, not from the culture I have been brought up in. Whatever that familiar culture.

BEFORE THE FALL: Male and female. He created them. God blessed them; and God said to them, "be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule."
(Gen 1:27b-28) — Every verb is a 2nd person plural imperative for "THEM"

Jesus protected women. Empowered women. Honoured women publicly.
Released the voice of women. Confided in women.
Was funded by women. Celebrated women by name.
Respected women. And spoke of specific women as examples to follow.

We are called to be like Christ. I don't expect all men to be like me, or all women to be like Louise, we are who we are, and all of us are called to be like Christ, not like a famous person or another Christian or a set stereotype.

Conclusion

Galatians 3v26-27 recognises the relationship with God has been restored by Jesus
Galatians 3v28 mends the relationship that spans around the globe that we are united to every other Christian and are called to love every other human without prejudice and without question.

The gospel we receive should change our attitudes towards everything in life. We bring down barriers within the church and every time we erect them we should repent.

- We are sharing the great commission together and the mission of Renewal to lift up the name of Jesus together. God has provided us one to another so we can fully represent the Body of Christ to the rest of the world.
- To really know God, he will teach you not to trust in the provision, but in himself as the provider.
- When you have Jesus, you will have all the provision you need. The provision is in the promise.

- We are called to be like Christ. Abraham promises are yours male and female. Provision for the vision.

Application and Prayer

Pray: Lord God thank you for your provision. Psalm 23:1 Thank you for providing Jesus and help me to trust you to provide for all that I need. Galatians 1:4,4:4 Thank you for providing each other, male and female to build up your body. Amen. 2 Corinthians 8:9