



Message Notes
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Week 3
Men as Fathers:
The God-Father

Vito Corleone may be the most famous “God-Father,” from the movies of the same name, but he certainly wasn’t a Godly father. As Fathers and Grandfathers we need an example of faith to follow. We find it in the father of the Jewish nation. His name is Abraham and he is proof that it is possible to be the kind of father who is a public, domestic and spiritual success.

So, on this Father’s Day weekend let’s look at this “God-Father” who is truly a Godly father that we can follow.

I. HE SET A POSITIVE EXAMPLE EVEN THOUGH HE WAS IMPERFECT:

A. Abraham was far from a perfect man.

1. He _____.
2. He was _____.
3. He _____ God.

B. Abraham is proof that God can use an _____ father.

II. HE MAINTAINED HIS PRIORITIES EVEN WHEN SEVERELY TESTED:

A. Abraham’s priorities were _____ first, _____ second and _____ last.

B. The acid test of faith: To _____ God even when it’s difficult.

III. HE TRANSFERRED HIS FAITH EVEN IN A PAGAN WORLD:

A. He loved _____.

B. He worshipped with his family _____.

C. He demonstrated his faith _____.

SCRIPTURE TEXT

GENESIS 22:1-5

Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied. ²Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about.” ³Early the next morning Abraham got up and saddled his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. ⁴On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. ⁵He said to his servants, “Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship an then we will come back to you.”