

Series: **The Beginning of You, Fresh Starts, Sacred Reversals, and Everything in Between:
A study of the book of Genesis**

Title: **The beginning of faithfulness**

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After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he answered. "Take your son," he said, "your only son Isaac, whom you love, go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about." (Genesis 22:1-2)

Then Isaac spoke to his father Abraham and said, "My father." And he replied, "Here I am, my son." Isaac said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." Then the two of them walked on together. When they arrived at the place that God had told him about, Abraham built the altar there and arranged the wood. He bound his son Isaac and placed him on the altar on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" He replied, "Here I am." Then he said, "Do not lay a hand on the boy or do anything to him. For now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your only son from me." Abraham looked up and saw a ram caught in the thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son. And Abraham named that place The LORD Will Provide, so today it is said, "It will be provided on the LORD's mountain." (Genesis 22:7-14)

"...Do not be afraid, for I am with you." (Genesis 26:24)

...if we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself. (2 Timothy 2:13)

God will provide.
Do not be afraid, for I am with you.
God is faithful...even when I am not!

Reflection Question:
How is God calling you to make an impact through serving others?