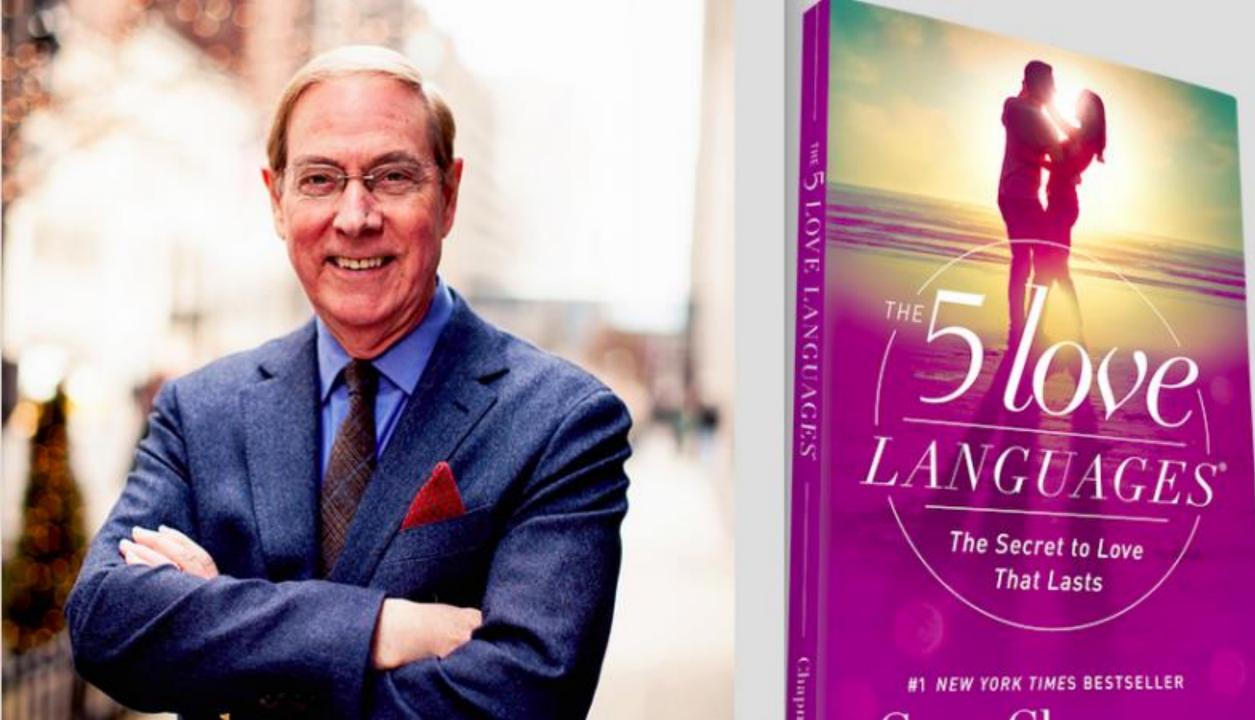
### Show Me Your Love

Genesis 22:8







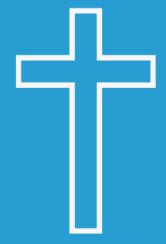


### **5 Love Languages**

- 1. Words of Affirmation
- 2.Quality Time
- 3. Receiving Gifts
- 4.Acts of Service
- 5. Physical Touch



### Genesis 22:1-19



### Genesis 22:1-2 NKJV

Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." [2] Then He said, "Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."

### **The Jesus Connection**

- 1. Father and Son
- 2.Son carrying wood
- 3. Mountain
- 4. Sacrifice (both referred to as Lambs)
- 5.3 Days



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# Why on Earth Did He Just Obey?



## Lek Leka לך־לך



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### **Genesis 12:1 NKJV**

Now the LORD had said to Abram: "Get out (Lek Leka) of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you.



# He Heard This Voice Before



## He Always Hear This Voice



## Time



### James 2:23 NKJV

And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." **And he was called the friend of God.** 



### **Heart Questions**

- Are you friends with God?
- Are you spending quality time with Him?
- Does He hear your voice? Do you hear from Him?



### **Heart Questions**

- Is Bible reading and a good devotional life part of your plans this year?
- Have you started to *personally* spend time with God through prayer and reading of His word?

## L-O-V-E = T-I-M-E



### Genesis 22:3 NKJV

So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.

## Acts



### **John 14:15 NKJV**

"If you love Me, keep My commandments.



## Actions Speak Louder Than Words



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### R. Kent Hughes, Genesis

However, there is a subtle hint that his sorrow may have numbed his mind... because of the order of action —first saddling his donkey and then cutting wood is illogical.

### Genesis 22:4 NKJV

**Then on the third day** Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off.



Satan was at hand to suggest that he must be deceived, for the divine law commands, "Thou shalt not kill," and God would not require what He had once forbidden.

### **Unanswered Questions**

- Why would God ask such a thing?
- What would people think of me after this?
- What would Sarah feel?



During that three days' journey he had sufficient time to reason, and to doubt God, if he was disposed to doubt. He might have reasoned that the slaying of his son would cause him to be looked upon as a murderer, a second Cain;



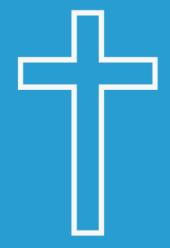
that it would cause his teaching to be rejected and despised; and thus destroy his power to do good to his fellow men. He might have pleaded that age should excuse him from obedience. But the patriarch did not take refuge in any of these excuses.

Abraham was human; his passions and attachments were like ours; but he did not stop to question how the promise could be fulfilled if Isaac should be slain. He did not stay to reason with his aching heart. He knew that God is just and righteous in all His requirements, and he obeyed the command to the very letter.

# A Person in Love Doesn't Give What is Least



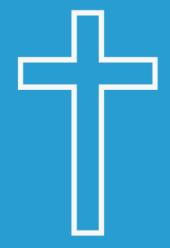
# He Strives to Give What is Best



# If He is Not Lord of All Then He is not Lord at All



# All That I am and All That I Have is Yours



## Genesis 22:7-8 NKJV

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# Gifts



#### Genesis 22:13 NKJV

Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son.

## Jacques Doukhan, Genesis

The word "lamb" is in apposition to the phrase "He will see Himself," meaning He will see Himself, (as) the lamb. The lamb is here identified as God. Thus, the lamb that is referred to here is not merely the physical animal that lsaac had in mind, it is God Himself.

## Jacques Doukhan, Genesis

The phrase could be translated as follows: "God will see (for) Himself as the lamb," which means that God will provide Himself as the lamb.



## God will Provide Himself as the Lamb!



## John 8:56 NKJV

Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad."



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#### **John 3:16 NKJV**

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.



## Proverbs 23:26 NKJV

My son, give me your heart.



## Languages of Love in Genesis 22

- 1. Time
- 2. Actions
- 3. Gifts



In early dawn, a father stands,

He lifts the blade with trembling hands.

A cherished son lies on the wood,

A test of faith—Is God still good?



For three long days, his sorrow grows,

Yet faith in God unwavering shows.

A ram appears—a wondrous sign,

And father knows God's love divine.



But oh, a deeper love would shine,

When Heaven's Son gave life for mine.

He bore our sins, endured our blame,

For broken hearts He took our shame.



His blood poured out, the highest cost,

A crown of thorns for souls once lost.

Then rose He did, the grave undone,

So all may live through God the Son.



Behold the Lamb in grace so vast,

Who loved us first with a love that lasts.

