

*Daily devotions for 2019*



**Day 6**  
Abraham, part 1

## **Abraham's willingness to offer Isaac**

*Genesis 22:1-18*

While reading his chapter, my mind kept going to Sarah. What had Abraham told Sarah?

Abraham, Isaac and the two servants travelled for three days before they reached the place where the Lord had led them. Was she anxious? Was she praying for a safe return?

I thought of how many times I have stood on railway platforms, waving goodbye to one of my children, tearfully and fearfully. I would not be with them to keep them safe. On one occasion, my daughter was flying out of Brize Norton in a snowstorm that was so bad you could not see the shape of the plane, only its lights. On a few occasions, they were heading for unsafe places.

Oh, how I prayed! 'Lord you are where I cannot be. I place him/her in your hands. Please watch over them, protect and comfort them and bring them home.' My prayers were answered. Praise God.

Isaac came home to Sarah. Abraham, trusted God. He placed his son on the alter and prepared to sacrifice him to the Lord. Abraham's hand was stayed by God because God gave Abraham righteousness because of his faith and Isaac lived.

We live because God was prepared to sacrifice his only son for our righteousness. Belief in that sacrifice is our hope and joy.

### **Prayer**

Thank God with grateful hearts for the love, grace and mercy of our heavenly Father.

Thank Jesus that he gave himself up for us.

Pray in the power of the Holy Spirit with songs in our hearts.

Amen.