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Jesus, though You were rich, for our sake You became poor so that we might be rich in grace. Teach me to follow Your example by giving up financial comfort for the sake of Your Kingdom. Help me plan my giving, not just in the moment, but with long-term faithfulness that advances the mission of Your church. Let my sacrifice bring life and hope to others. Amen.

A story of sacrifice . . .

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a German pastor and theologian who saw the Nazi rise to power with spiritual clarity. While many churches remained silent or were complicit, Bonhoeffer chose a path of resistance.

He helped found the Confessing Church, which refused to pledge allegiance to Hitler. Later, he joined a conspiracy to overthrow the regime. For his involvement, he was arrested in 1943.

While imprisoned, Bonhoeffer wrote his most famous works—"The Cost of Discipleship", where he contrasted "cheap grace" with the real thing:

"When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die."

Even behind bars, Bonhoeffer ministered to fellow prisoners. The camp doctor later reported:

"I saw Pastor Bonhoeffer kneeling on the floor praying fervently to his God. He was calm and confident."

On April 9, 1945—just weeks before liberation—Bonhoeffer was executed by hanging. His legacy lives on as a man who gave everything for Christ.

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Read 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Why do so many people like talking about sacrifice for the greater good and yet have a hard time actually doing it?

How is Jesus the greatest example of sacrifice? What did He sacrifice for you?

We tend to think that sacrifice for the greater good is usually in the moment. How can your sacrifice for the advancement of the kingdom be planned?

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What does it look like for you and your household to put together a plan of sacrifice that joins the rest of the CHURCH in this LEGACY initiative? Be specific.

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The Stone of Sacrifice: Abraham on Moriah - Genesis 22:1-14

There are few stories in Scripture as sobering, and as faith-filled, as Abraham's journey up Mount Moriah. God asked Abraham to do the unthinkable: to take his beloved son Isaac, the child of promise, and offer him as a sacrifice.

The command must have cut to the core. Isaac represented everything God had promised: descendants, nations, a future. To give up Isaac seemed to mean giving up the very covenant God had made. Yet Abraham obeyed. He rose early, cut the wood, and walked for three days toward Moriah.

On the mountain, Isaac himself carried the wood for the altar. When he asked his father, "Where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" Abraham replied, "God Himself will provide the lamb."

Since there was no lamb provided by God, Abraham bound Isaac and planned to sacrifice him as the lamb. At the last moment, as Abraham raised the knife, the angel of the Lord stopped him. In the thicket, a ram was caught. God had indeed provided the sacrifice. Abraham named that place The Lord Will Provide.

Moriah became a lasting testimony of faith, obedience, and provision. Here, too, we see the truth: A full life in Christ is one that needs to be given just as much as it is received. Abraham had received promise upon promise from God, but now he was asked to give back in radical trust. His willingness to surrender what he valued most became the gateway for God to reveal His faithfulness in an even deeper way.

Sacrifice is never easy. It always costs something. But every act of sacrifice declares to the watching world—and to generations yet to come—that God is worthy of our trust. Abraham's "stone" of sacrifice on Moriah still speaks today: The Lord will provide.

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Our LEGACY is built in the same way. Each gift, each offering, each commitment we make are proverbial stones, an altar of trust declaring that God is our provider. Just as Abraham laid down his son in obedience, we are called to lay down what we treasure—our resources, our comfort, our control—in faith that God's plan is greater than our own.

And here is the wonder: centuries later, on another hill not far from Moriah, God Himself provided His own Son as the sacrifice. What Abraham only foreshadowed, God fulfilled in Christ. The ultimate stone of sacrifice was the cross, where Jesus gave His life so we might receive eternal life. When we choose sacrifice today, we are aligning ourselves with this eternal story. We are not losing something; we are giving forward into God's Kingdom. And in every act of sacrifice, a LEGACY is built that points to the faithfulness of God.

“Lord, teach me to trust You like Abraham. Help me to lay down what I hold tightly and believe that You will always provide. May my sacrifice become a testimony of Your faithfulness.”

WEEK FOUR WORSHIP MUSIC PLAYLIST

