



SACRED GROUND (WEEK 2)

The Testing Ground: Witnessing God's Provision on Mount Moriah

THE BIG IDEA

God provides what we cannot produce on the very ground where we surrender.

THE BEDROCK PRINCIPLE

Mount Moriah (OT surrender & mercy) shares the exact location as the Temple Mount (NT presence). God layers redemptive history on this specific bedrock to show that the place of our greatest testing becomes the place of His greatest provision.

1. THE ALTAR OF SURRENDER (Genesis 22:1–14)

- Faith Over Fear: Isaac carries his own execution wood, but Abraham trusts: *"God himself will provide the lamb."*
- The Heart of Sacrifice: The Hebrew word *Qorban* (sacrifice) comes from *qarab*, meaning "to draw near." Altars are designed for relationship, not appeasement.

"God is God, and it is not for me to seek a reason. He has said it: I will do it."
— C.H. Spurgeon

2. THE ALTAR OF MERCY (2 Sam 24:18–25 | 2 Chron 3:1)

- Costly Worship: David stops judgment by purchasing the threshing floor of Araunah, refusing to offer what *"costs me nothing."* Solomon later builds the First Temple on this exact spot.
- The Bedrock Layering: Abraham's Surrender → David's Mercy → Solomon's Temple.

"Give up yourself, and you will find your real self." — C.S. Lewis

3. THE ALTAR OF GRACE (Heb 10:11–14 | Eph 2:13)

- **The Final Substitution:** God spared Abraham's son, but did not spare His own Son on this same ridge.
- **The Shift:** The torn veil and AD 70 destruction of the stone temple mark the end of animal sacrifices—God now dwells inside human hearts.

REFLECTION & RESPONSE

- **Reflection:** What "Isaac" (finances, family control, career, fear) are you holding onto until you see God's provision?
- **Action Step ("Name Your Altar"):** Write your burden on your Altar Card and lay it down today *before* seeing the solution.
- **Prayer:** Pastoral team and elders are available at the front right now.

NEXT WEEK: *Sacred Ground (Week 3) — THE RESCUE OPERATION: Unearthing the Reality of God's Judgment*