

The LORD Will Provide
Genesis 21:8-22:18

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- ❖ True faith in God surrenders completely
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God to Abraham: “I will ...”

- ❖ “I will make you into a great nation.”
- ❖ “I will bless you.”
- ❖ “I will make your name great.”
- ❖ “I will bless those who bless you.”
- ❖ I will give you all the land that you see
- ❖ “I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth”

Sodom and Gomorrah:

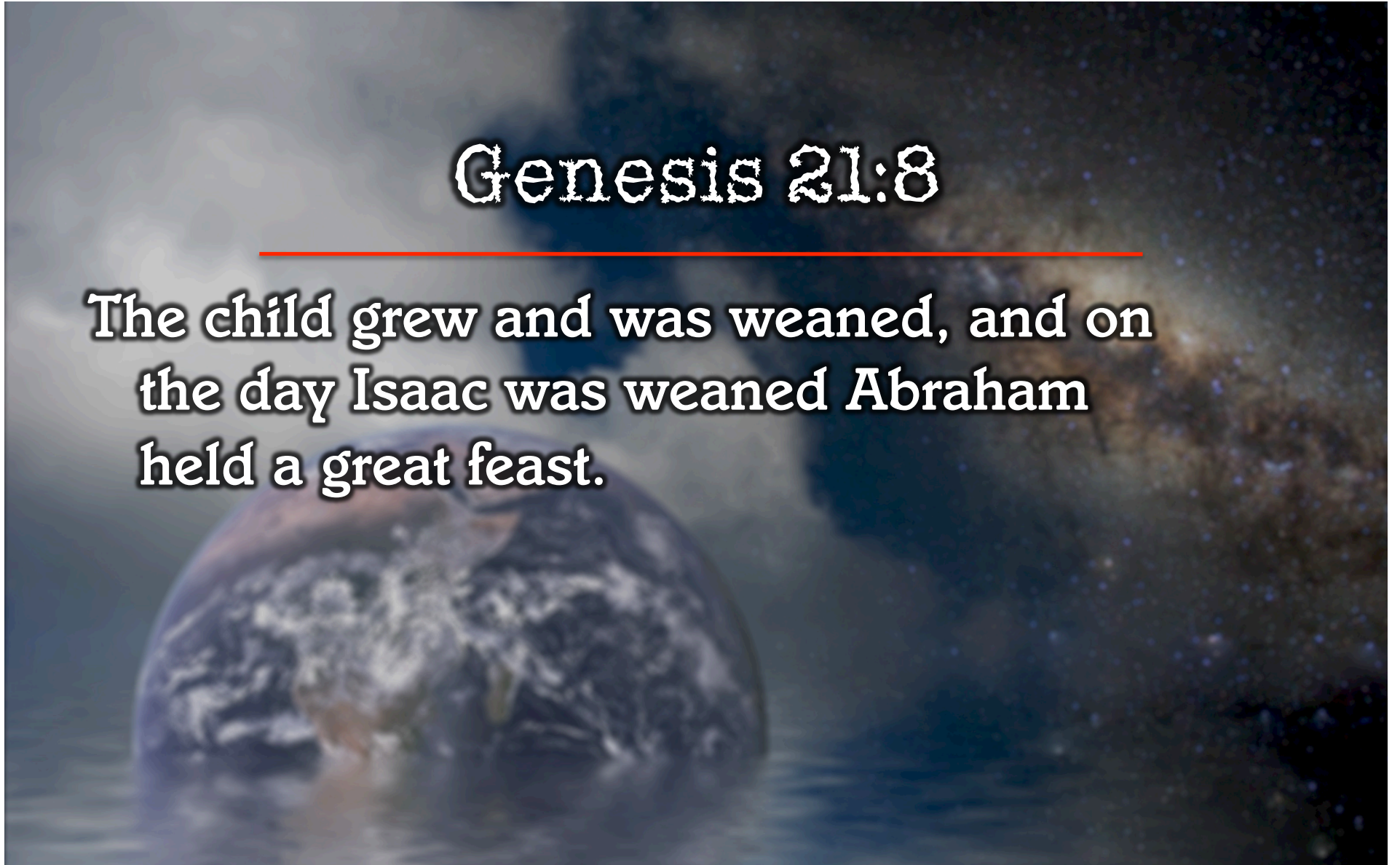
- ❖ Sin must be and will be punished.
- ❖ God is eager to forgive.
- ❖ God welcomes and responds to our intercession.
- ❖ God will save one because of the righteousness of another.
- ❖ The penalty for our sin has been paid.

Sarah's laughter:

- ❖ God is remarkably patient with our doubts and unfaithfulness.
- ❖ The grace of God is surprising and unwarranted.
- ❖ The grace of God turns our bitterness and disappointment into joy.
- ❖ Nothing is impossible for God.

Genesis 21:8

The child grew and was weaned, and on the day Isaac was weaned Abraham held a great feast.



How old are they now?

- ❖ Isaac – 2 or 3
- ❖ Ishmael – young teenager
- ❖ Hagar – 30?
- ❖ Abraham – 102 or 103
- ❖ Sarah – 92 or 93

Genesis 21:9-10

But Sarah saw that the son whom Hagar the Egyptian had borne to Abraham was mocking, and she said to Abraham, "Get rid of that slave woman and her son, for that woman's son will never share in the inheritance with my son Isaac."

Galatians 4:28-29

Now you, brothers and sisters, like Isaac, are children of promise. At that time the son born according to the flesh persecuted the son born by the power of the Spirit. It is the same now.

Genesis 21:15-16

When the water in the skin was gone, she put the boy under one of the bushes. Then she went off and sat down about a bowshot away, for she thought, "I cannot watch the boy die." And as she sat there, she began to sob.

Genesis 21:20

God was with the boy as he grew up. He lived in the desert and became an archer.



Genesis 22:1

Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied.



Genesis 22:2

Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love — Isaac — and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.”

Isaac:

- ❖ Your son
- ❖ Your only son
- ❖ Whom you love

2 Chronicles 3:1

Then Solomon began to build the temple of the LORD in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where the LORD had appeared to his father David. It was on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite, the place provided by David.

Genesis 22:3

Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about.

Genesis 22:4-5

On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you."

Genesis 22:6

Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife.

Genesis 22:6-7

As the two of them went on together, Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?" "Yes, my son?" Abraham replied. "The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"

Genesis 22:8

Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together.

Psalm 37:5-6

**Commit your way to the LORD;
trust in him and he will do this:
He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn,
your vindication like the noonday sun.**

Isaiah 55:8-9

**“For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,”
declares the LORD.**

**“As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.”**

John 1:29

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"



Genesis 22:9

When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.

Hebrews 11:17-18

By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, even though God had said to him, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned."

Hebrews 11:19

Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death.

Genesis 22:10-11

Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied.

Double names:

- ❖ Abraham, Abraham
- ❖ Jacob, Jacob
- ❖ Absalom, Absalom
- ❖ Simon, Simon
- ❖ My God, my God

Genesis 22:12

“Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said.
“Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.”

Genesis 22:13

Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son.

Genesis 22:14

So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided."

God provides:

- ❖ Manna (Exodus 16)
- ❖ Food for 5,000 (Mark 6)
- ❖ Food for 4,000 (Mark 8)
- ❖ Psalm 104:27-30; 145:15-19
- ❖ Matthew 6:25-33
- ❖ Ephesians 3:20-21

Genesis 22:15-17

The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time and said, "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore.

Genesis 22:17-18

“Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.”

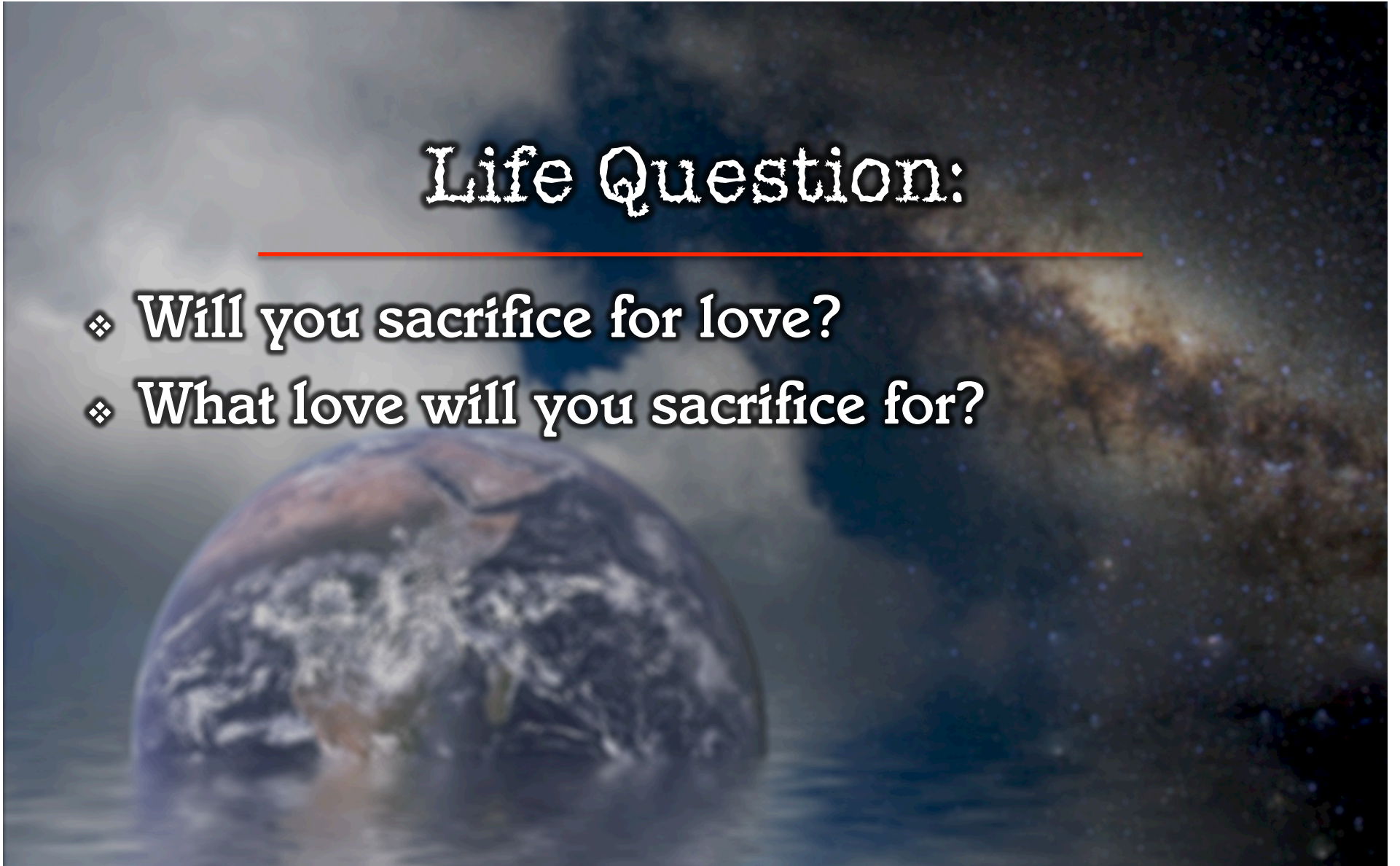
Parenting Question:

- ❖ Will you sacrifice your kids?
- ❖ Which altar?



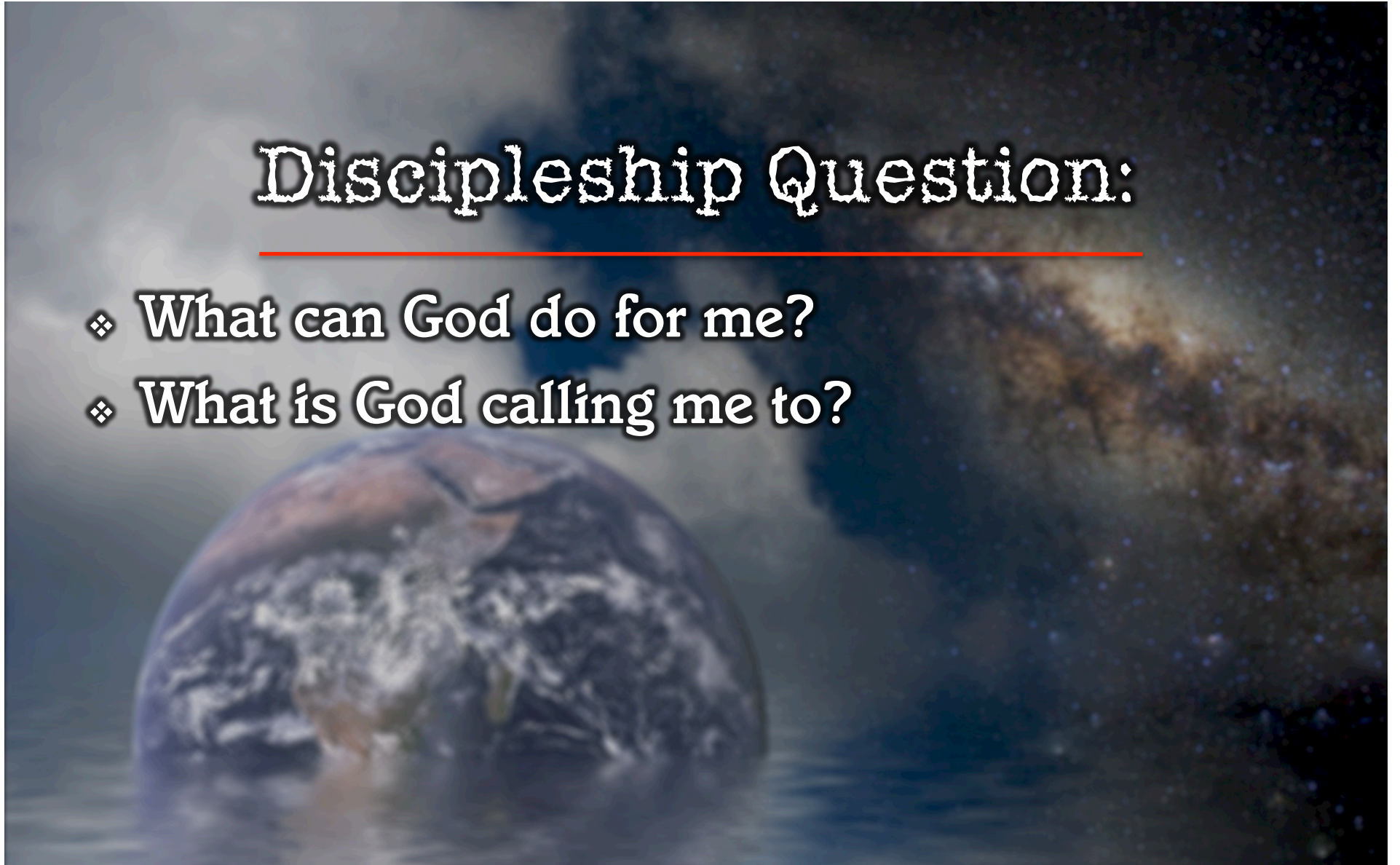
Life Question:

- ❖ Will you sacrifice for love?
- ❖ What love will you sacrifice for?



Discipleship Question:

- ❖ What can God do for me?
- ❖ What is God calling me to?



Isaac = type of Christ

- ❖ Only son
- ❖ Offered on a mountain
- ❖ Donkey
- ❖ Two men accompany
- ❖ Three day journey
- ❖ Carried his own wood

The Gospel:

- ❖ Isaac was bound for death, but he was saved by a substitute ram.
- ❖ We are bound for death by sin, but we are saved by the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

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Are you being called?

- ❖ To receive Christ
- ❖ To become a member of Melbourne Community Church
- ❖ To pray / to receive prayer
- ❖ To affirm or reaffirm a commitment
- ❖ To receive the LORD's Supper