

TRUSTING GOD

July 22, 2023

Bible Readings

Take a few minutes to read the Bible verses listed and ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in how this verse applies to you this week.

Genesis 22:1-14

Memory Verse

⁵ With all your heart you must trust the and not your own judgment. ⁶ Always let him lead you, and he will clear the road for you to follow.

Proverbs 3:5-6



CASEY'S DAY

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Today, Tyler rode a two-wheel bike without training wheels for the first time. He thought he might be ready, but as he started, he wasn't so sure. It seemed harder than he thought it would be. "You can do it. I'm right here. Trust me!" said his dad, holding firmly to the back of his seat. Comforted a little by his dad's words, Tyler still felt very scared. "Dad can ride a bike easily, but can I? Can I trust Dad not to let me fall?"

In Genesis 22:1-13, God tests Abraham in a very hard way to see how well he *trusts* God. God did not plan on hurting Abraham's son, Isaac, but he wanted Abraham to understand what trusting God looked like. As he followed God's command, Abraham might have asked many of the same questions you and I have about trust. What was God asking of him? Would God do things to harm him or his family? Could he trust God?

Abraham might have wondered what God was doing, but he trusted in who God was. He knew that to trust God meant that he believed in God's love for him and his family.

Do you trust that God will hold on to you like Tyler's dad held on to the back of Tyler's bike seat? Can you trust God when he says, "You can do it! I'm here!"? Trusting God can be difficult because most times we don't know exactly what he's doing. But what we *do* know is that God is loving, kind, good, and does things that are the best for us.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for your love of me. Thank you for all that you do. Help me to listen and trust you more and more each day—even when it's hard. Amen.

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