

## **LESSONS FROM A FAMOUS FATHER**

### **FATHERHOOD**

- A. Not an easy job
  - 1. Whether done right or wrong it's impactful
  - 2. Not a lot of direct biblical instructions to fathers (*Ephesians 6:4 NKJ*)

### **FATHER ABRAHAM** (*Genesis 22:1-12 NKJ*)

- A. Abraham's love for Issac was evident
  - 1. Issac was a miracle child
  - 2. God referenced Abraham's love for Issac
- B. There was good communication between Abraham and Issac
  - 1. Issac knew he could ask a question
  - 2. Abraham's answer was revealing - Here I am
- C. A high level of trust had been established
  - 1. Issac was old enough to carry the wood
  - 2. He allowed himself to be bound and put on the altar
- D. Abraham honored God over his son
  - 1. If Issac had been first in Abraham's life he would not have made the trip
  - 2. Abraham's love and devotion to God was tangible

### **RELATIONAL LESSONS FROM ABRAHAM**

- A. Love is the best thing we can give (*Proverbs 15:17 NKJ*)
  - 1. As men, we are wired to want to provide
  - 2. The environment we provide is what creates lasting value
- B. Good communication is important (*1 Thessalonians 2:11-12 NIV*)
  - 1. Encourage - everyone needs encouragement
  - 2. Comfort is important, especially in the difficult seasons
  - 3. Urging to live right and do right - not forcing
- C. Trust is vital to any good relationship
  - 1. Trust is earned and built - especially as children get older
- D. Put God first in your life (*Joshua 24:15 NKJ*)
  - 1. We live in a land where many do not serve God
  - 2. We have to choose - choose for the long run