

Jesus and Isaac: Sacrificial Sons

Genesis 22



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Genesis 22:8

Steppes of Faith

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22 For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and one by a free woman. 23 But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, while the son of the free woman was born through promise. 24 Now this may be interpreted allegorically: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. 25 Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. 26 But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. 27 For it is written, "Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and cry aloud, you who are not in labor! For the children of the desolate one will be more than those of the one who has a husband." 28 Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise.

Galatians 4:22 - 28 (ESV)

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- ▶ Abraham “took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son.”
- ▶ The site of Isaac’s “sacrifice” is thought to correspond very closely, geographically, to the site of Christ’s crucifixion.
- ▶ Abraham’s statement that “God will provide for Himself a Lamb” is prophetic of the mission of Christ.

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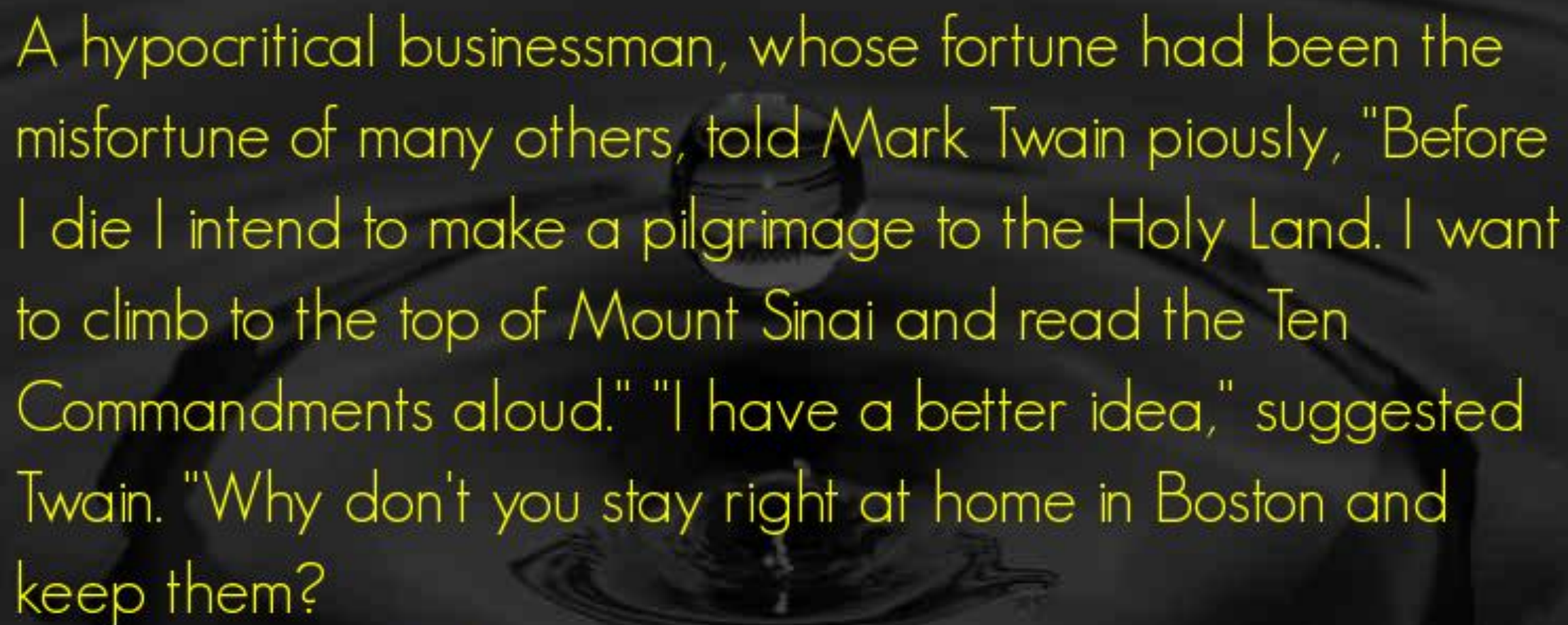
- ▶ **SACRIFICE MEANS GIVING UP SOMETHING YOU LOVE!**
 - ▶ If you don't love it, it's not a sacrifice.
 - ▶ Genesis 22:2 "Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love."
 - ▶ Exodus 12:1 - 5
 - ▶ Genesis 22:7
 - ▶ Genesis 22:8
 - ▶ John 1:29

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“One act of obedience is better
than a thousand sermons.”

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer



A hypocritical businessman, whose fortune had been the misfortune of many others, told Mark Twain piously, "Before I die I intend to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. I want to climb to the top of Mount Sinai and read the Ten Commandments aloud." "I have a better idea," suggested Twain. "Why don't you stay right at home in Boston and keep them?"

~ Author: Mark Twain

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 - ▶ Isaiah 6:8
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 - ▶ It is one thing to talk about sacrificial obedience, it is another thing to sacrificially obey.
 - ▶ Luke 22:42
 - ▶ Hebrews 12:2
 - ▶ Philippians 2:5 - 8

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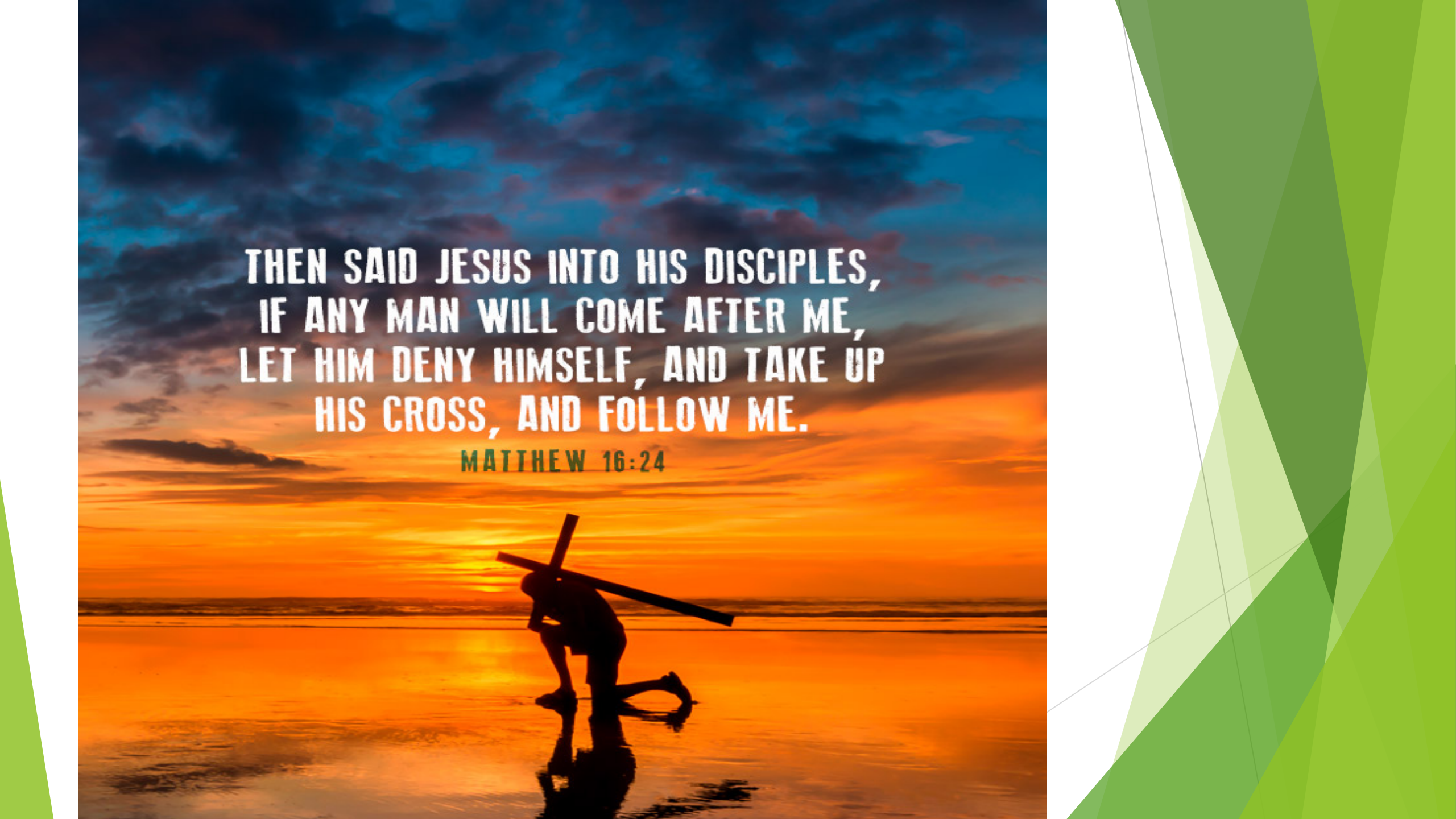
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 - ▶ Genesis 22:5
 - ▶ Hebrews 11:17 - 19
 - ▶ Although Abraham was wrong about the HOW, he was right about the WHO.
 - ▶ John 6:9 - 11
 - ▶ The Lord can do wonderful things with our sacrifices.

A young girl with blonde hair, wearing a white dress, is holding a teddy bear. The image is darkened to serve as a background for the text.

**Jenny was
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A person is silhouetted against a vibrant sunset sky, carrying a large wooden cross on their shoulders. The person is walking on a beach, and their reflection is visible in the wet sand. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a bright orange near the horizon. The overall mood is contemplative and spiritual.

**THEN SAID JESUS INTO HIS DISCIPLES,
IF ANY MAN WILL COME AFTER ME,
LET HIM DENY HIMSELF, AND TAKE UP
HIS CROSS, AND FOLLOW ME.**

MATTHEW 16:24

Are you ready to
sacrifice your life
for Jesus Christ?