



## LESSON 4 // ALTERED BY ALTARS

**Big Idea:** The altars he built we're an important part of Abraham's legacy. As New Testament believers, Jesus is our altar! What happens between you and Him is what determines the outcome of your life and the legacy you leave others.

**Genesis 22:9 (NLT)** *When they arrived at the place where God had told him to go, Abraham built an altar and arranged the wood on it. Then he tied his son, Isaac, and laid him on the altar on top of the wood.*

**Hebrews 13:10-12 (TLB)** *We have an altar—the cross where Christ was sacrificed—where those who continue to seek salvation by obeying Jewish laws can never be helped*

**Hebrews 4:15-16 (NLT)** *This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. 16 So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.*

**Romans 12:1-2 (NLT)** *And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. 2 Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.*

### Start Talking:

Why is it so important to remember what God has done in your life?

### Start Thinking:

**Read Genesis 22:1-18.** Why was building the altar and responding to God the way he did in these verses so important to Abraham and the work of God in and through His life?

**Read Hebrews 13:10-12.** Why is the cross of Christ the only "altar" we need now as New Testament believers?

**Read Hebrews 4:15-16.** How has Jesus as our "High Priest" paved the way for us to receive God's grace and mercy?

**Read Romans 12:2.** What does it mean to "offer your body to God" as "a living and holy sacrifice"? In what ways can this impact your life?

### Start Praying and Doing:

Pray for the confidence and boldness to offer yourself completely to the Lord as "a living and holy sacrifice" (Romans 12:1-2) and to believe Him for all the grace and mercy you need (Hebrews 4:14-16). Look for opportunities to live sacrificially this week by giving of your time, talent and resources to honor the Lord and bless others. This is the kind of legacy He wants us to leave!