

Abraham

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Scene 1: A Celebration

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⁶And Sarah said, “God has made laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh over me.” ⁷And she said, “Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.” —Genesis 21:6-7 ESV

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Scene 2: A Contradiction

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“Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.”

—Genesis 22:2 ESV

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So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.

—Genesis 22:3 ESV

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And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. —Genesis 22:6 ESV

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Scene 3: A Conversation

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⁷And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” ⁸Abraham said, “God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together. —Genesis 22:7-8 ESV

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“Our faith is not really tested until God asks us to bear what seems unbearable, do something that seems unreasonable, and expect what seems impossible.”
—Warren Wiersbe

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Scene 4: A Correction

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“Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.”
—Genesis 22:12 ESV

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¹³And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.

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¹⁴So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”
—Genesis 22:13-14 ESV

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Scene 5: A Conclusion

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“The Old Testament is the New Testament concealed. The New Testament is the Old Testament revealed.”
—Augustine

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¹⁷By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, ¹⁸of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.”

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¹⁹He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.
—Hebrews 11:17-19 ESV

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For God so loved the world,
that He gave His only Son,
that whoever believes in Him
should not perish
but have eternal life.

—John 3:16 ESV

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“Behold, the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin of the world!

—John 1:29 ESV

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²⁴... It will be counted to us
who believe in Him who
raised from the dead Jesus
our Lord, ²⁵who was delivered
up for our trespasses and
raised for our justification.

—Romans 4:24-25 ESV

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⁹...if you confess with your mouth
that Jesus is Lord and believe in
your heart that God raised Him
from the dead, you will be saved.
¹⁰For with the heart one believes
and is justified, and with the mouth
one confesses and is saved.

—Romans 10:9-10 ESV

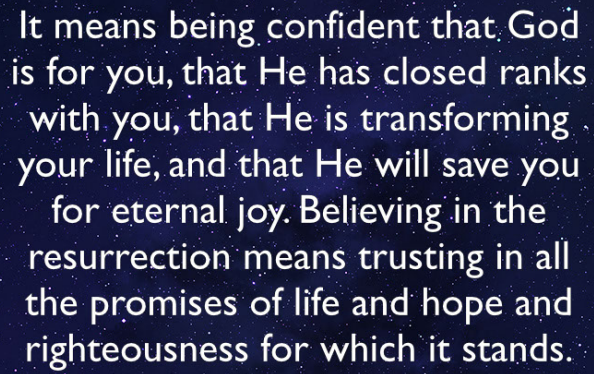
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“The meaning of the resurrection is
that God is for us. He aims to close
ranks with us. He aims to overcome
all our sense of abandonment and
alienation. The resurrection of Jesus
is God’s declaration to Israel and to
the world that we cannot work our
way to glory, but that He intends to
do the impossible to get us there.

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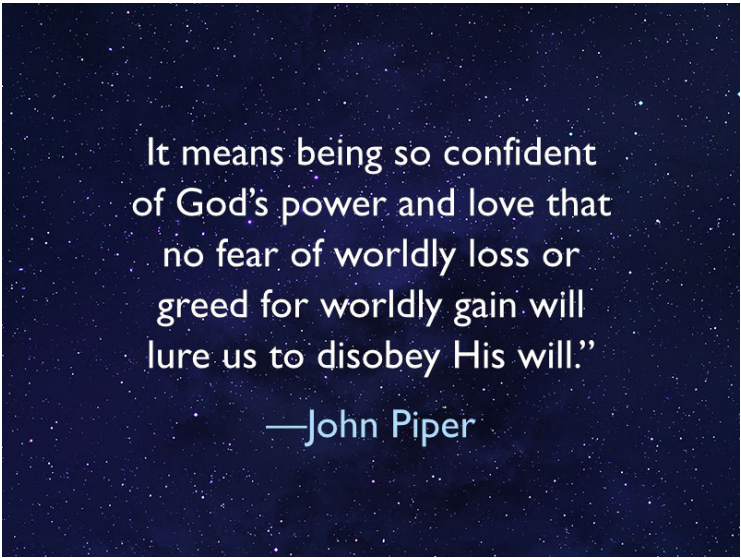
The resurrection is the promise
of God that all who trust Jesus
will be the beneficiaries of God’s
power to lead us in paths of
righteousness and through the
valley of death. Therefore,
believing in your heart that God
raised Jesus from the dead is
much more than accepting a fact.

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It means being confident that God is for you, that He has closed ranks with you, that He is transforming your life, and that He will save you for eternal joy. Believing in the resurrection means trusting in all the promises of life and hope and righteousness for which it stands.

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It means being so confident of God's power and love that no fear of worldly loss or greed for worldly gain will lure us to disobey His will."

—John Piper

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