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The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.

Rom. 4:20-21 *Yet he (Abraham) did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what He had promised. (NIV)*

Are you fully persuaded today? Do you say you believe with your mouth, but your heart isn't really sure? That is our natural inclination. We hear God's Word, speak God's Word, quote God's Word, but do we really believe upon it? Abraham was an old man when God spoke to him and told him that he would become the father of many nations. And even though he was about one hundred years old, he did not waver through unbelief. This is a characteristic of those who are living in God's presence and enjoying God's plan for their lives. Now this was not the most astounding statement from the LORD to Abraham. Later, He would tell Abraham to take his one and only son up to the mountain and sacrifice him upon the altar. Abraham loved his son just like we love our children. We would do anything to protect and provide for them. And yet Abraham believed the LORD so much that he trusted Him to act out of His limitless love. And so he took his son to make the sacrifice. He built the altar and then proceeded to place his son there. He lifted his knife to slay his son when the LORD called out to him and stopped him from killing Isaac. **Gen. 22:11-14** *But the angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from Me your son, your only son." Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided."*

And the LORD painted a foreshadowing of His Son, that would replace us on the altar. It was on this very place where the sacrifice was made that many years later, the Lamb of God, with thorny strands placed upon His head, was sacrificed for the sins of the whole world. If He died for us, can we not live for Him?

Dear LORD, help us in our unbelief. What You have said, You will do. It is Who You are. Help us to walk by faith today. In Jesus Name, Amen