

REVIEW

- The heart of the Father loves us.
- The heart of the Father values us.
- The heart of the Father sacrifices for us.
- This Week: The heart of the Father **provides for us**.

THE HEART OF THE FATHER: GOD IS OUR PROVIDER.

The story of Adam and Eve:

Genesis 3:1-21

The story of Isaac and Abraham:

Genesis 22:1-19

The Story of Jesus:

Luke 2:8-14 (NIV) ⁸And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

CLOSING

John 3:16 (NIV) For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

GOD THE FATHER PROVIDES:

Hope (Psalm 33:20)

Acceptance (Hebrews 12:5-6)

Righteousness (2 Corinthians 5:21)

Mercy (Hebrews 4:16)

Joy (1 Peter 1:8)

Contentment (1 Timothy 6:6)

Comfort (2 Corinthians 1:3-4)

Salvation (1 Thessalonians 5:9)

Love (John 3:16-17)

Peace (John 16:33)

Adoption (Romans 8:15)

Forgiveness (Ephesians 1:7)

Redemption (Romans 3:22-24)

QUESTIONS TO REFLECT AND DISCUSS:

Passages to consider: Genesis 22:6-14; Luke 2:8-20; Galatians 4:4-7

- Something from the sermon struck you—what was it?
 1. What comes to mind when you think of the word *provides*?
 2. Read Genesis 22:6-14, Luke 2:8-20, and Galatians 4:4-7. Choose one to read twice. A) What do these passages show you about God's heart? B) In what ways do you see provision happening?
 3. What helps you experience provision? Think spiritually, emotionally, and physically. A) Which one of those areas has more weight in your sensing being provided for? B) What can challenge your sense of being provided for?
 4. Take a look at Philippians 4:19-20. What truth or promise do you see from this passage, or from the other passages read in question 2, that is especially impactful to you? A) How will that impact you—your thoughts, your prayers?
 5. What helps you remember God's provision and His heart to care for you? A) How do you share that with your family or friends? B) How does that impact your attitude and presence at work?
 6. Who, in your world, might need to hear about God's provision or experience God's provision by receiving some physical help? Ask God to open your eyes, move in your heart, and use your hands.

Post Falls Campus has no services Thursday, December 26.

Passages to prepare for next week, Holiday Hangover: Galatians 2:20; Matthew 6:33; Psalm 90