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Having had two U.S. Marines in my household, I've experienced their distinctive mode of operation. The Corps' motto: "*Semper Fidelis*" (Always Faithful) reminds Marines they are to stay true to their mission, fellow Marines, and country. They are disciplined to trust, honor, and obey those in authority, often in seemingly impossible situations.

In Genesis 22, God points to Abraham who obeyed Him as he ascended the mountain, carried wood for the fire, the knife, and Isaac his only son. Raising his knife toward Isaac in sacrificial obedience to God he heard the Lord say: "Do not lay a hand on the boy . . . Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son" (v. 12) so the Lord provided the replacement sacrifice. "Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide" (v. 14a).

Obedience is a key part of our relationship with God?just as it was with Abraham. Daily assurance comes from knowing that indeed the Lord will provide.

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