

THE Story

Lesson 4 Chapter 2 Abraham, Sarah & Isaac p.13-20

1. When God called Abraham to follow him, there was a clear sense of partnership. God promised to do specific things and also Abraham to do his part. What was God's part and what was Abraham's part in this great adventure?

2. What do you learn about Abraham and Sarah's faith?

from Hebrews 11:8-9

⁸By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. ⁹By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.

from Galatians 3:6-9

*⁶So also Abraham "believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness." ⁷Understand, then, that those who have faith are children of Abraham. ⁸Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and **announced the gospel in advance to Abraham**: "All nations will be blessed through you." ⁹So those who rely on faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.*

3. In what ways did Abraham show lack of faith in having a son by Hagar?

How was he misled?

What ought Abraham to have thought, said and done in the face of such a situation?

4. Why did God ask Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac?

What did Abraham---and Isaac---learn from this experience?

What do we learn from this experience from these two passages?

Hebrews 11:17-18

¹⁷By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, ¹⁸even though God had said to him, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned."

James 2:20-24

²⁰You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? ²¹Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? ²²You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. ²³And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness," and he was called God's friend. ²⁴You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone.

5. As you review this portion of God's inspired Word, what truths do you learn about our humanity....

sins to avoid & examples to follow

our God...

His promises to claim & His character to embrace