

A Family of Families: Aging, Death & the Gospel *(Genesis 25:1-11)*

From the opening pages of the Bible, it's clear that marriage is a BIG deal to God, and that families are central to His eternal, redemptive plan.

In addition to our natural (or physical) families, the Bible speaks of family in a spiritual sense. Individual believers in Christ are called "children of God" (John 1:12). And believers together are called "God's household" (Ephesians 2:19). This means a lot of things, but at minimum it means that the church is a "*A Family of Families.*"

From the timeless story of Abraham, we're looking this summer at God's blueprint for family. Today, we're examining Abraham's twilight years for clues on how a Gospel-centered family deals with two of life's grimmest realities.

Reality #1: The _____, the _____.

Reality #2: _____, and you *will*

_____.

Response? In light of the _____ of aging & death,

Gospel-centered families keep _____ in view.