



Genesis 25:1-18; 1 Peter 1:1-9

“Obtaining the Outcome of Your Faith”

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Consult the Scriptures:

Genesis 25:1-18

1 Peter 1:1-9

*(Other Scripture referenced: Gen. 17:4-6, 15:13-15; Rev. 3:5;
Jn. 10:27-29; Gal. 5:22-23; Heb. 12:28-29)*

Discuss:

1. What does it mean to be secure (think holistically: physically, spiritually, and emotionally)? As people, how important is security on a scale of 1-10 (10 being the highest)? Why?
2. What are some of the things that leave us feeling the most insecure?
3. In terms of faith, how secure can we be? Read 1 Peter 1:1-9 and discuss. What reasons does this passage give concerning our security in Christ? What is difficult for you to believe in this passage?
4. Wayne Grudem offers the following three questions to ask when determining whether or not one's faith is genuine:

- (1) Do I have a *present* trust in Christ for salvation?
- (2) Is there evidence of a regenerating (transforming) work of the Holy Spirit in my heart?
- (3) Do I see a long-term pattern of growth in my Christian life?

If your faith is genuine, then what is promised in 1 Pet. 1? What about the rest of Scripture?

5. Read Genesis 25:1-18 and discuss. Looking back over Abraham's life, what stands out to you? Was Abraham's faith "genuine?" Why or why not?
6. Gen. 25:8 says Abraham died at "a good old age." Why is it important that Moses provide us with that detail (see Gen. 15:15)? What does that tell us about the promises of God? Does that affect our security at all? In what ways?
7. Why the list of names outside the line of Isaac (ref. 25:1-4, 12-18)? Why might this be important (see Gen. 17:4-6, 12:3)?
8. What immediate applications can be made in light of this text?
9. What question do you still have?