1st- Time Commitment

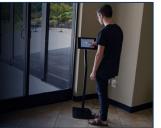❑ **Today, I pray...**

Father-God,

I believe that You sent Your son, Jesus, on a rescue mission to save me from

my sin. Thank you for forgiving me. Today, I surrender my life to Jesus as my

Lord and Savior.   *Amen*

Next Steps

❑ This week, I choose to demonstrate my availability, willingness and obedience by _____ .

❑ I will invite someone to the new series, "Game Changer," next Sunday.

❑ I want to serve. Please contact me: _____

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NEW GIVING KIOSK IN THE LOBBY
THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

HARVEST STUDENT MINISTRY
6-12 GRADE   IN H2 DURING 12:00 SERVICE

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IN THE BEGINNING GOD

GENESIS 1:1

Abraham

Genesis 12-25

1. ___**ORDINARY**___ man with ___**EXTRAORDINARY**____ faith; chosen because he was ___**AVAILABLE**__ and ___**WILLING**___.

"For the Scriptures tell us, 'Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith...'"   *Romans 4:3 (NLT)*

"In the same way, 'Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith.'"   *Galatians 3:6 (NLT)*

Q: How available and willing am I to be part of God's story?

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6 Promises

Bless you (wealth) *Genesis 12:16; 13:2*	All people blessed *Genesis 12:3*
Great Name *Genesis 12:2*	Land (Canaan) *Genesis 12:6-7;13:14-16*
Great Nation *Genesis 12:2*	Many Descendants (a son) *Genesis 15:4-6*

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2. Abraham and Sarai turn to __SELF RELIANCE__ instead of obedience.

"So, Sarai said to Abram, 'The Lord has prevented me from having children. Go and sleep with my servant. Perhaps I can have children through her.' And Abram agreed with Sarai's proposal."   *Genesis 16:2 (NLT)*

Q: How have I chosen self-reliance over trust and obedience?

3. God changes their ____NAMES____ and their _____HEARTS____.

[God] "This is My covenant with you: I will make you the father of a multitude of nations!... Then God said to Abraham, 'Regarding Sarai, your wife—her name will no longer be Sarai. From now on her name will be Sarah. And I will bless her and give you a son from her!'"   *Genesis 17:4, 15-16 (NLT)*

Q: How can I live into my new identity as a child of God?

Bible Translations: New Living Translation (NLT)

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4. The blessing and the testing: ____ISAAC____.

"The Lord kept His word and did for Sarah exactly what He had promised. She became pregnant, and she gave birth to a son for Abraham in his old age...And Abraham named their son Isaac."   *Genesis 21:1-3 (NLT)*

"The Binding"
Genesis 22
1.Abraham tested. 2. Gospel foreshadowed.

Nissah (Hebrew): to prove the quality of, not to entice to sin

"Isaac turned to Abraham and said, 'Father?' 'Yes, my son?' Abraham replied. 'We have the fire and the wood,' the boy said, 'but where is the sheep for the burnt offering?' 'God will provide a sheep for the burnt offering, my son,' Abraham answered. And they both walked on together."   *Genesis 22:7-8 (NLT)*

Q: Would the quality of my faith be proven in a test?

5. Parallel stories...Isaac foreshadows Jesus.

Isaac	*Jesus*
✓ Birth promised in advance	✓ Birth promised in advance
✓ Miraculous birth (conception at age 99)	✓ Miraculous birth (virgin conception)
✓ Named by God before birth	✓ Named by God before birth
✓ Abraham's only true son and heir offered as a sacrifice	✓ God's only son given as a sacrifice
✓ Isaac carried the wood for his sacrifice	✓ Jesus carried His own wooden cross
✓ "Where is the lamb?" – willing sacrifice	✓ Jesus = Lamb of God - willing sacrifice
✓ On the third day of travel, Isaac rose and left the alter	✓ On the third day after death, Jesus rose and left the grave

*[Paul] "And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all He has done for you. Let them be a **living and holy sacrifice**—the kind He will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship Him. Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think."*   *Romans 12:1-2 (NLT)*

Q: What do I need to change to become a living sacrifice?